サイボーグ
CYBORG
009

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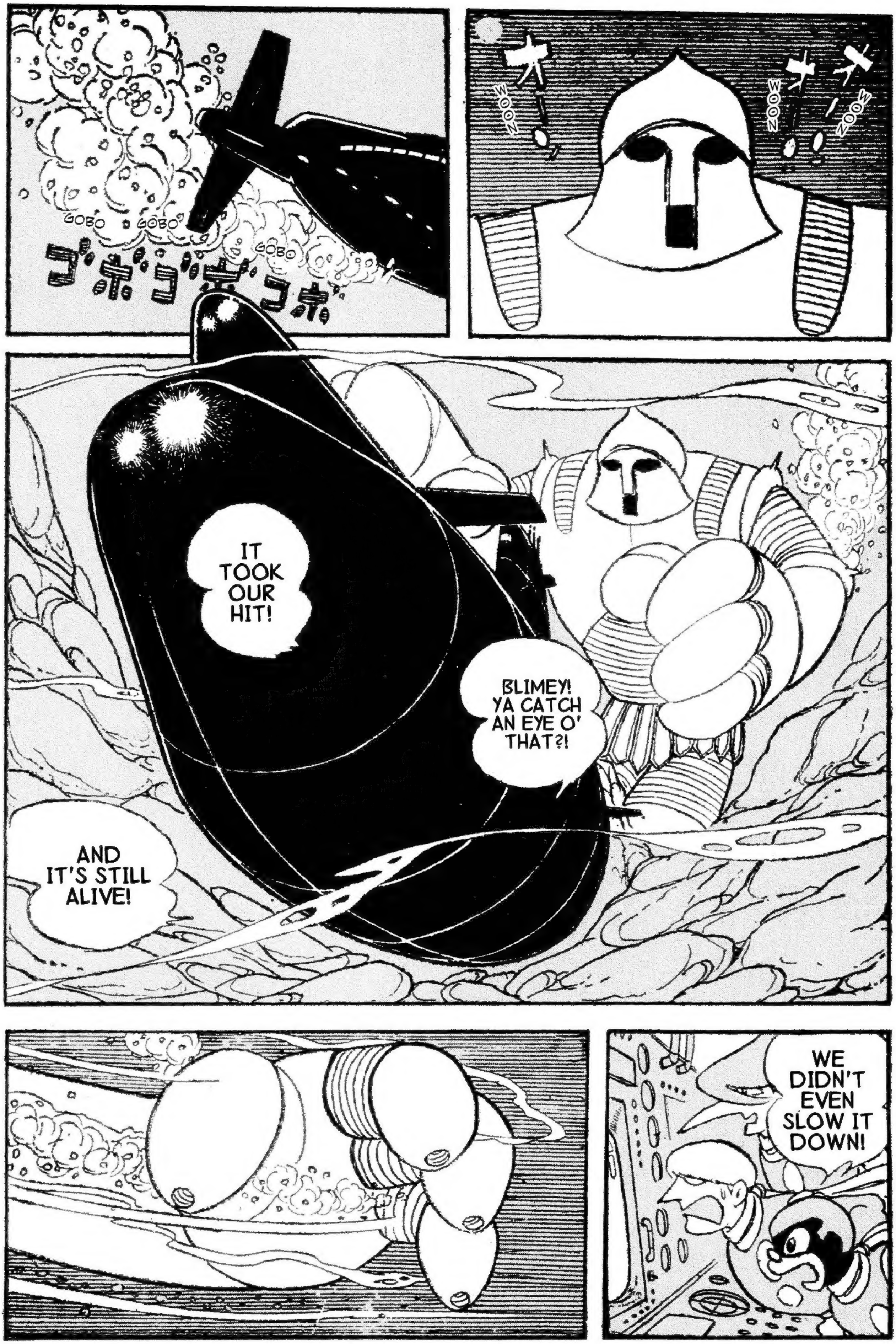
Shotaro Ishinomori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GOBO GOBO
GOBO
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WOON
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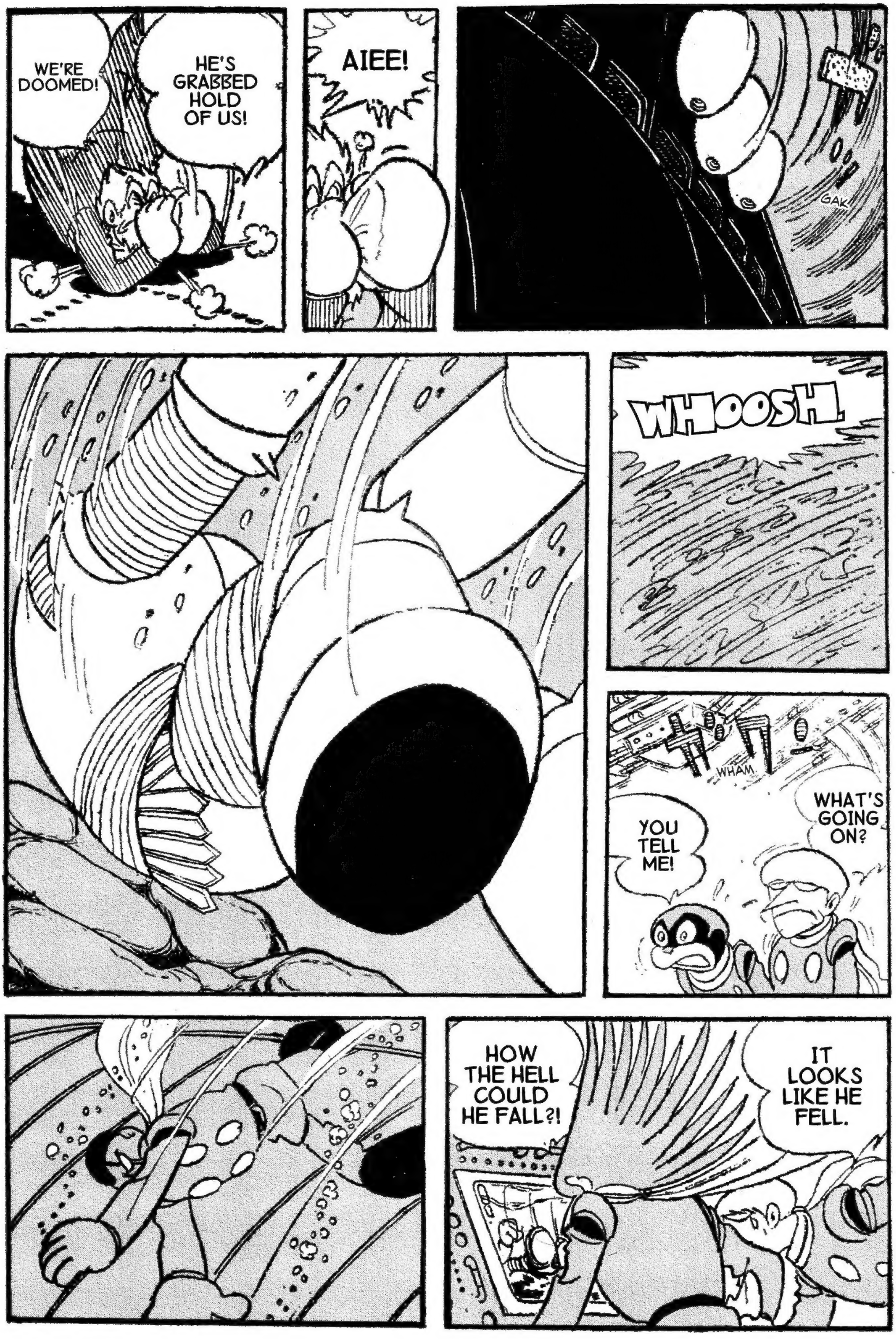
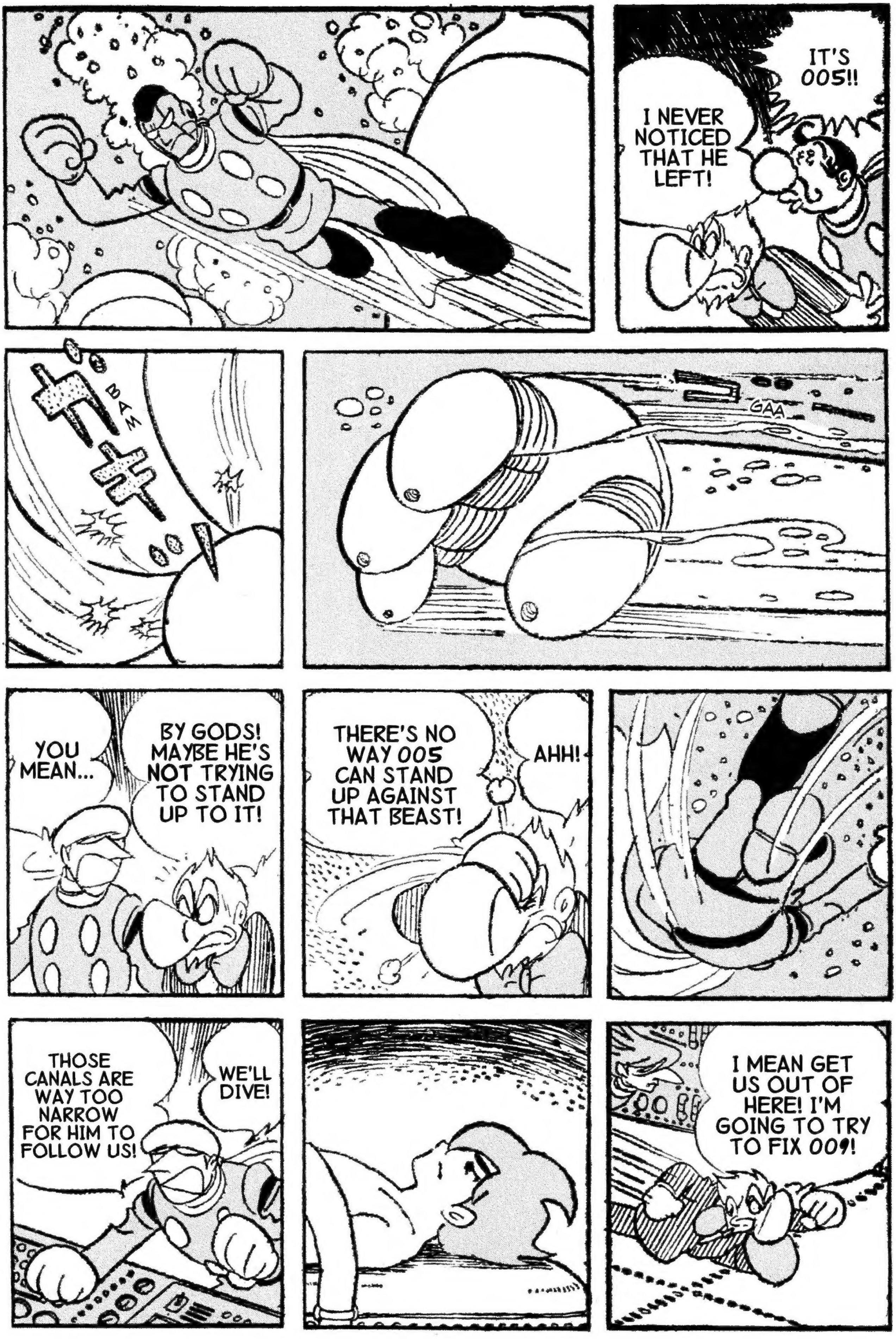
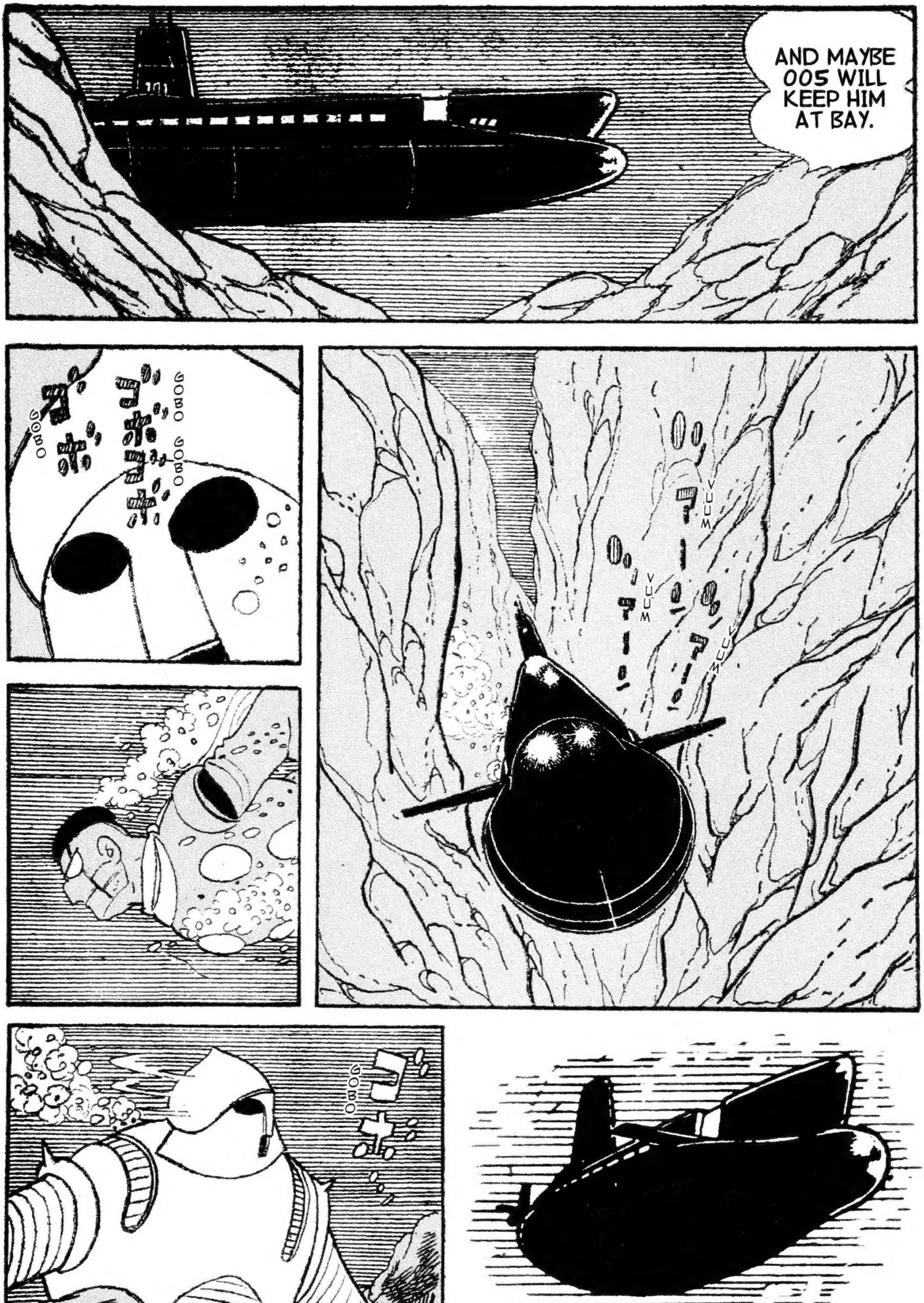
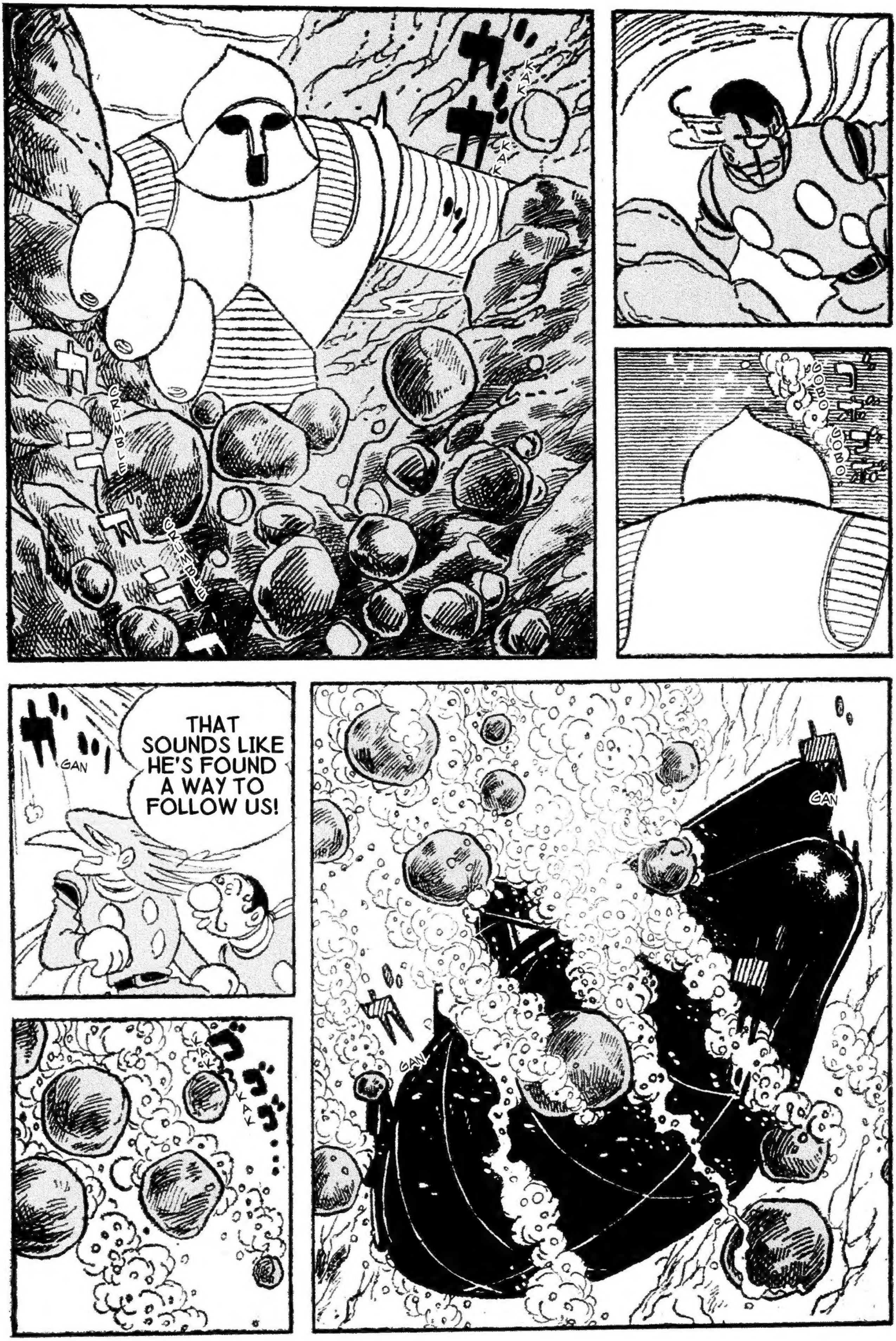
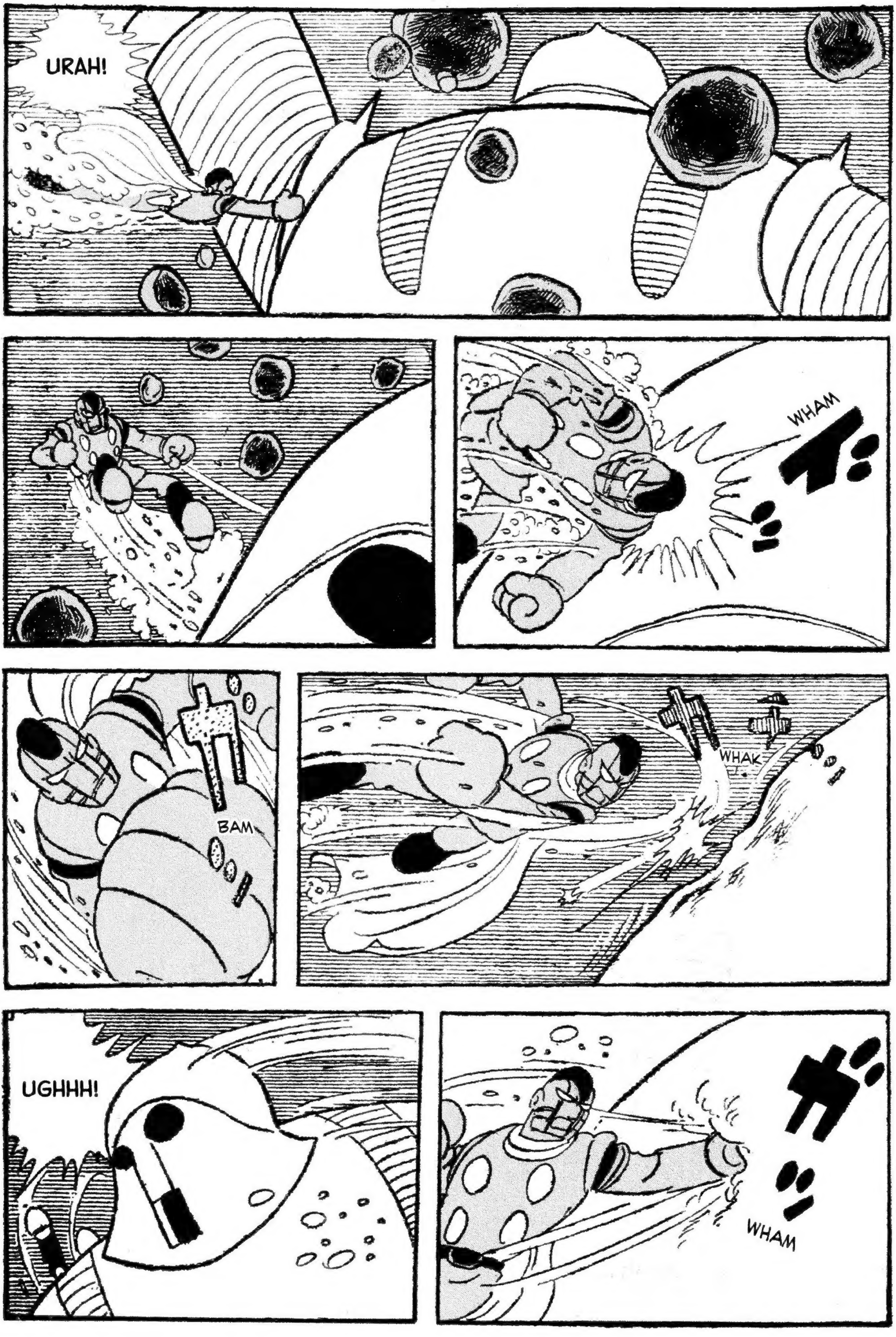
WOON
IT TOOK OUR HIT!
BLIMEY! YA CATCH AN EYE O' THAT?!
AND IT'S STILL ALIVE!
WE DIDN'T EVEN SLOW IT DOWN!


GAK
AIEE!
HE'S GRABBED HOLD OF US!
WE'RE DOOMED!
WHOOSH
WHAM
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU TELL ME!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE FELL.
HOW THE HELL COULD HE FALL?!


IT'S 005!!
I NEVER NOTICED THAT HE LEFT!
BAM
GAA
YOU MEAN...
BY GODS! MAYBE HE'S NOT TRYING TO STAND UP TO IT!
THERE'S NO WAY 005 CAN STAND UP AGAINST THAT BEAST!
AHH!
THOSE CANALS ARE WAY TOO NARROW FOR HIM TO FOLLOW US!
WE'LL DIVE!
I MEAN GET US OUT OF HERE! I'M GOING TO TRY TO FIX 009!


AND MAYBE 005 WILL KEEP HIM AT BAY.
VUUM
VUUM
VUUUM
GOBO GOBO
GOBO
GOBO


GOBO GOBO
KAK KAK
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
GAN
GAN
GAN
THAT SOUNDS LIKE HE'S FOUND A WAY TO FOLLOW US!
KAK KAK


URAH!
WHAM
WHAK
BAM
WHAM
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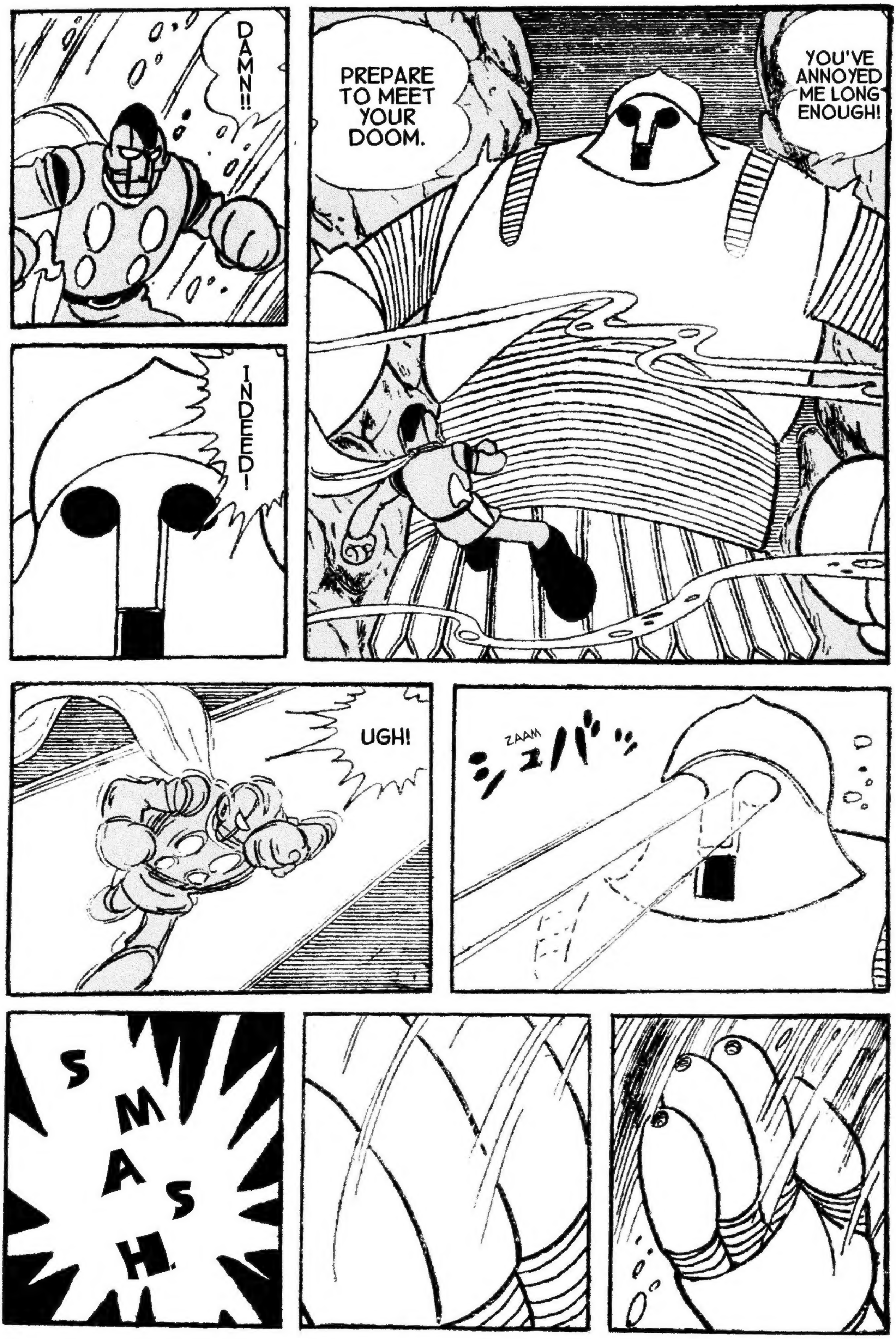
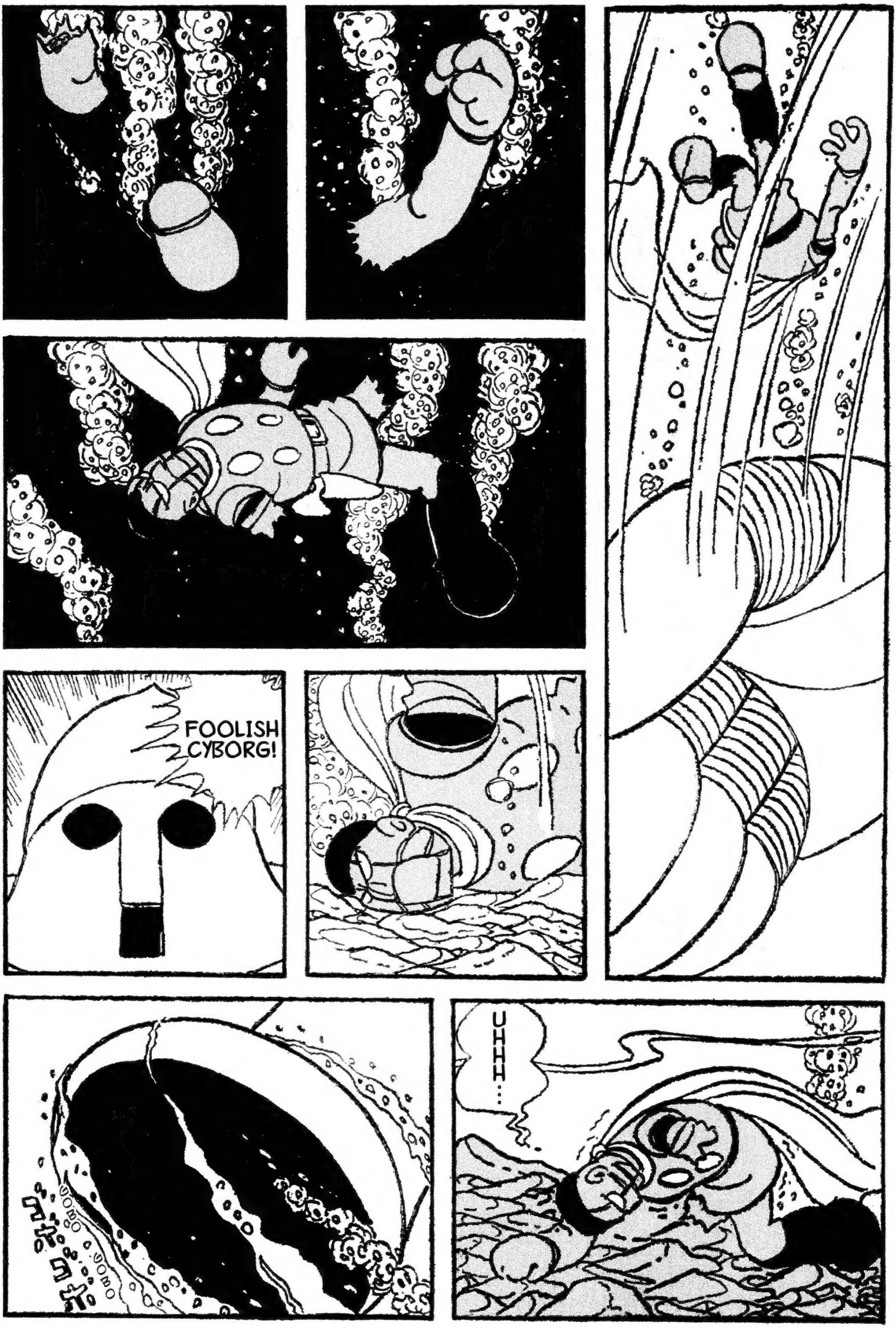
UGHHH!


DAMN!!
INDEED!
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOM.
YOU'VE ANNOYED ME LONG ENOUGH!
UGH!
ZAAM
シュバッ
SMASH.


FOOLISH CYBORG!
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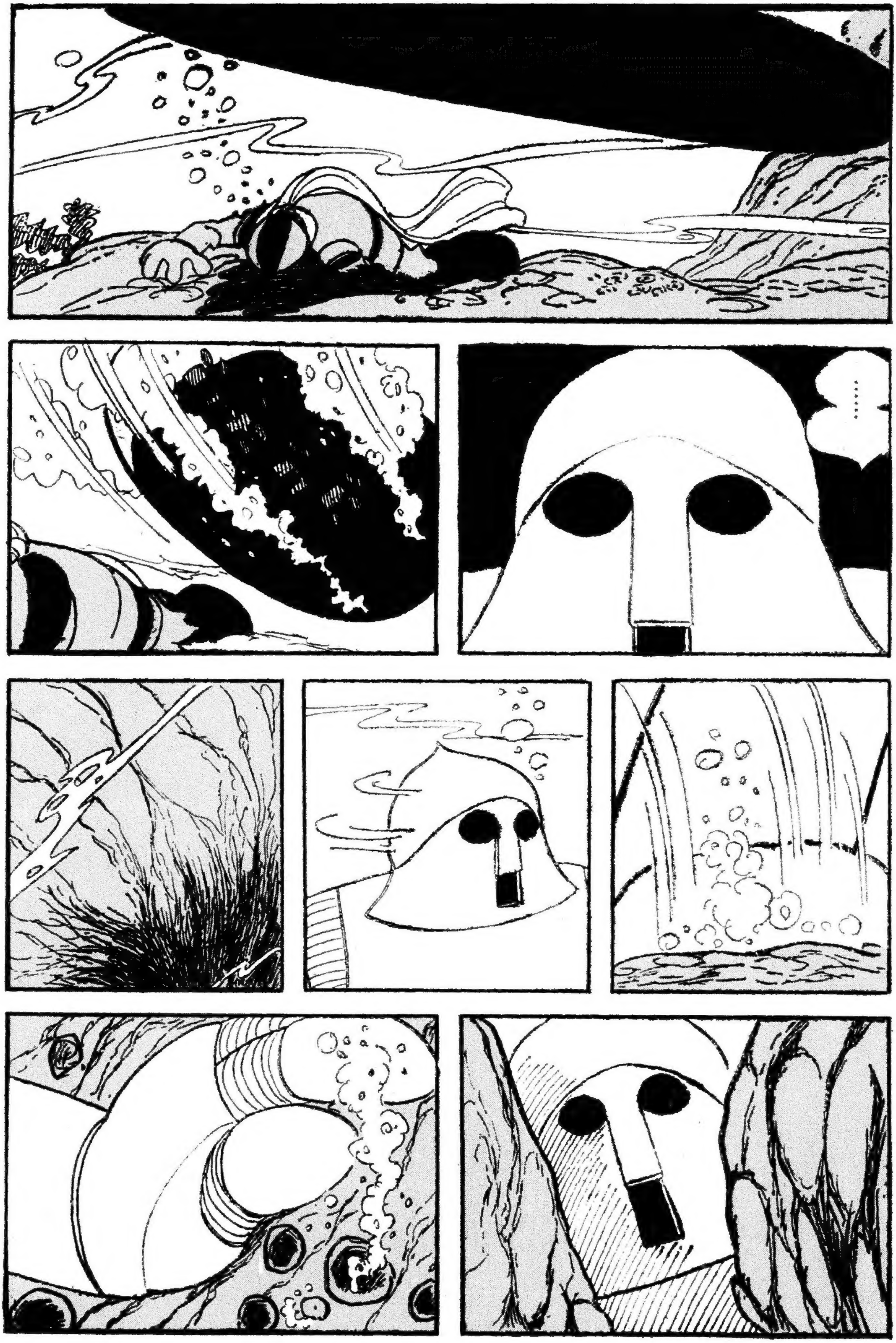
GOBO GOBO
UHHH...


SUGIKI
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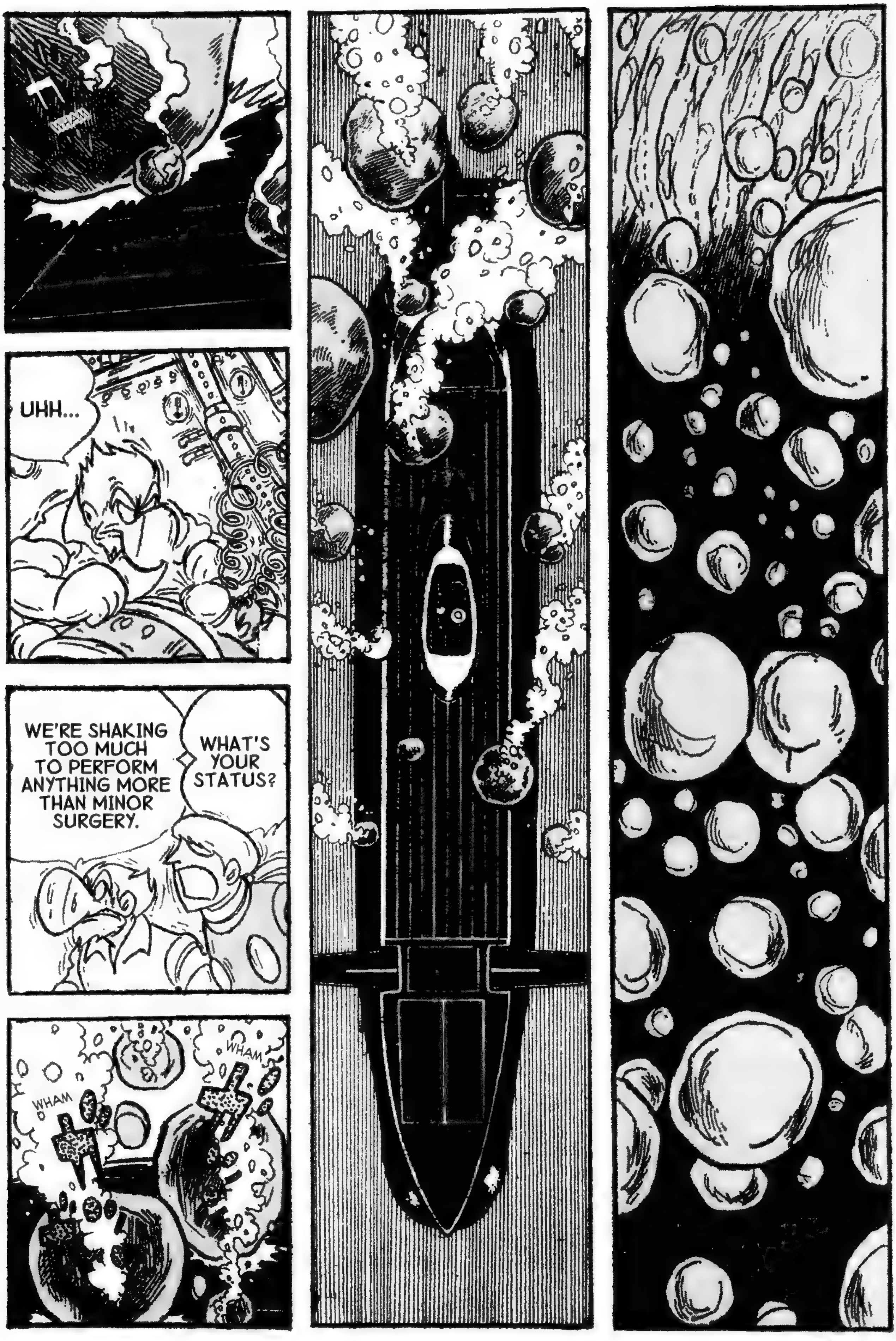
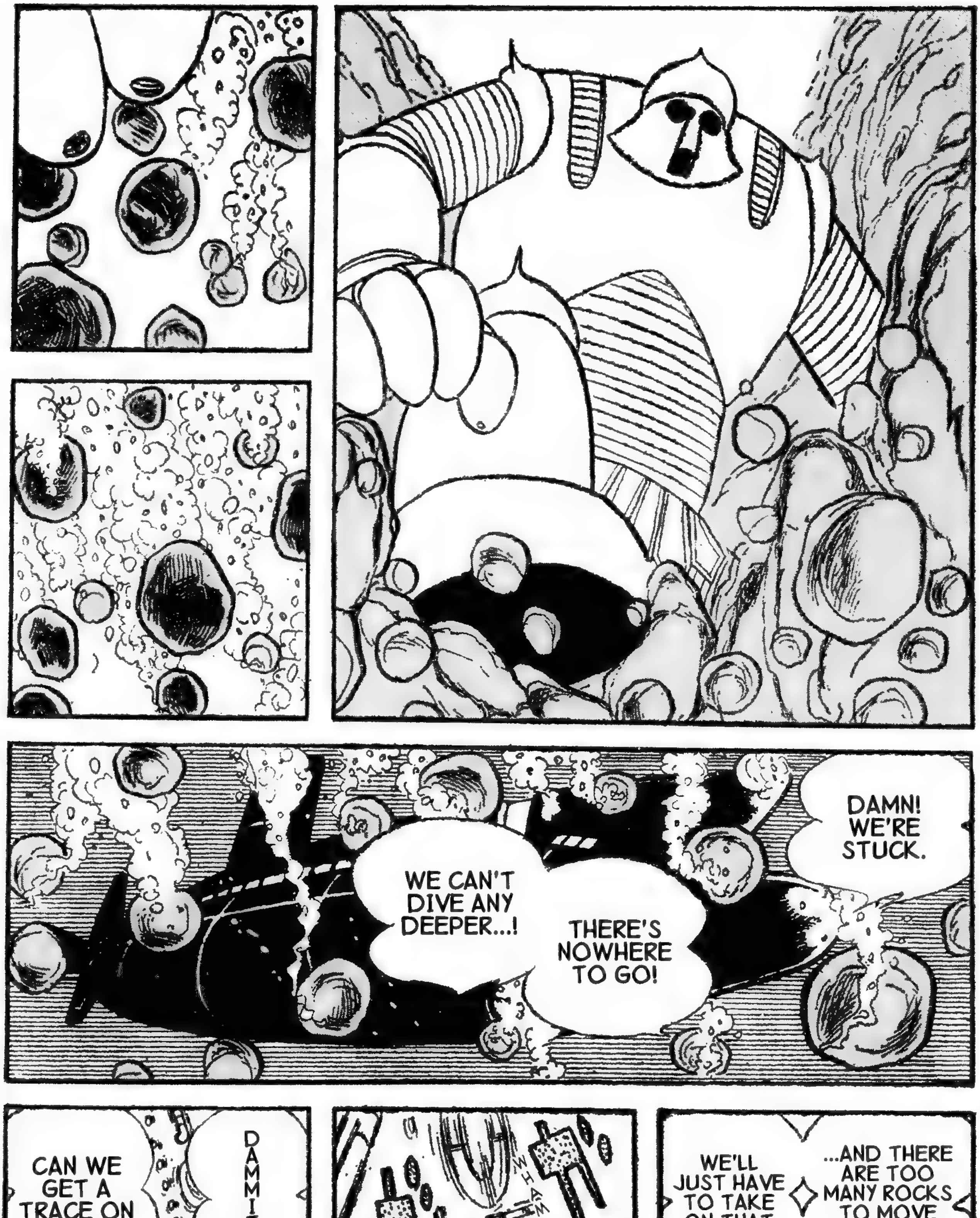
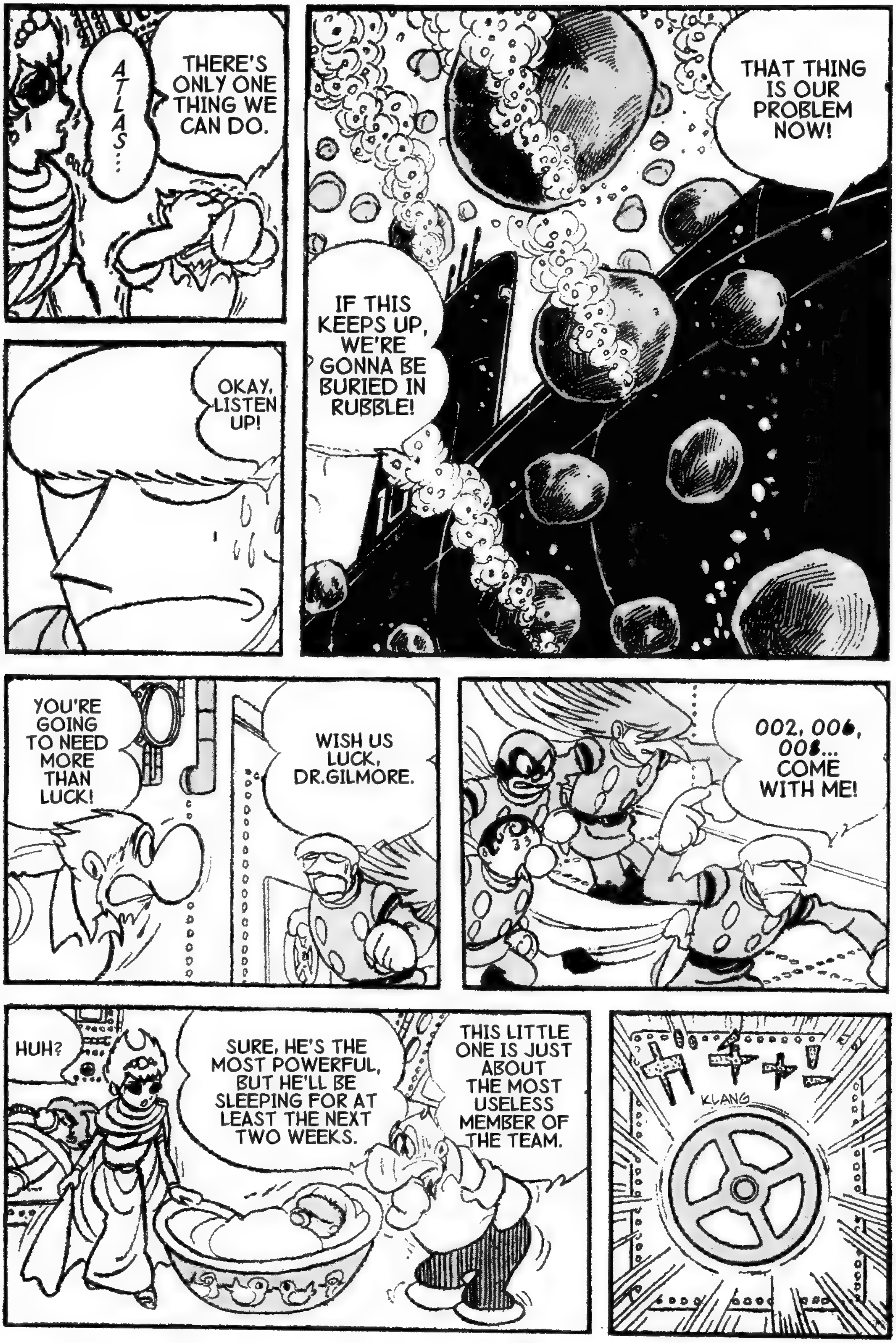
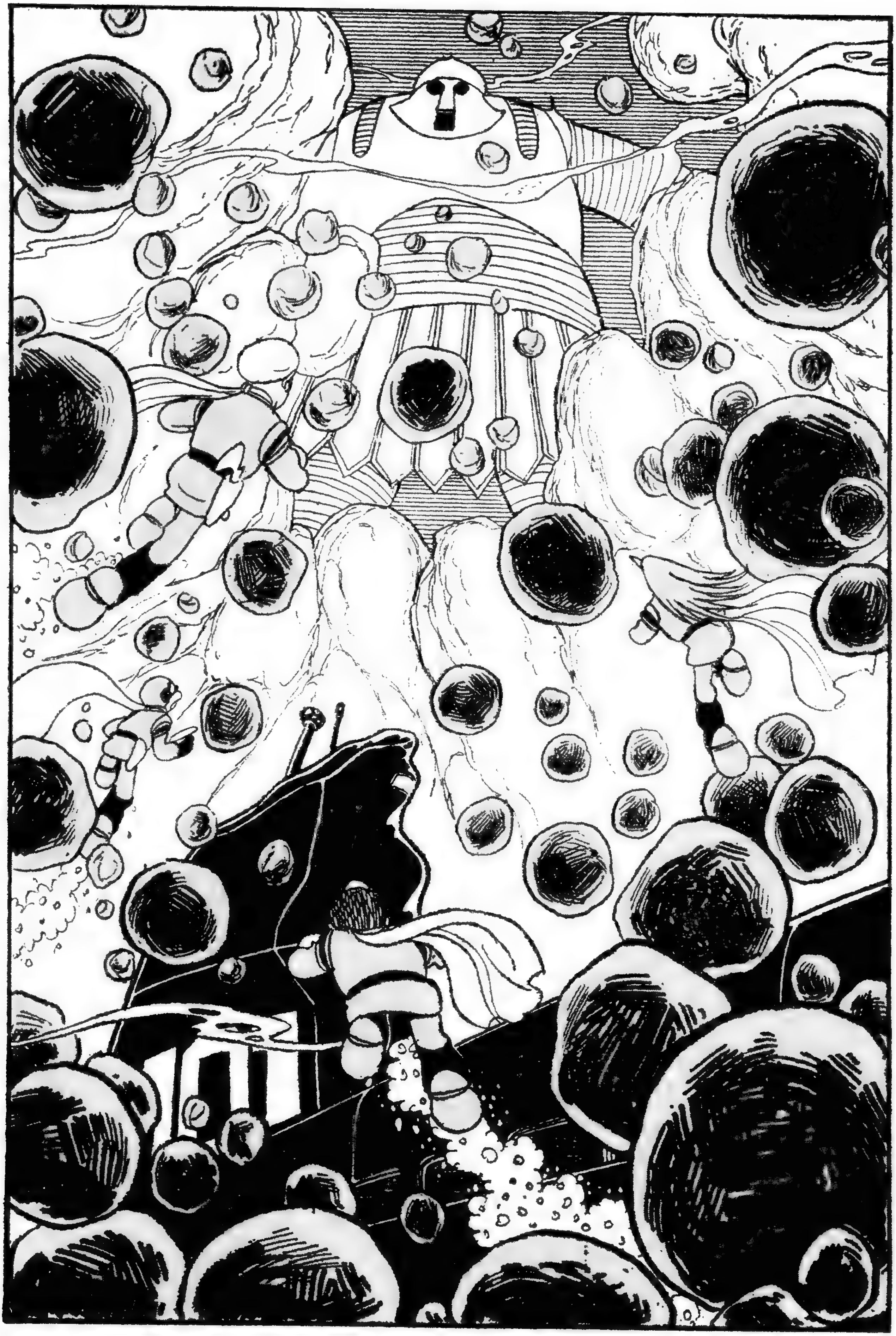
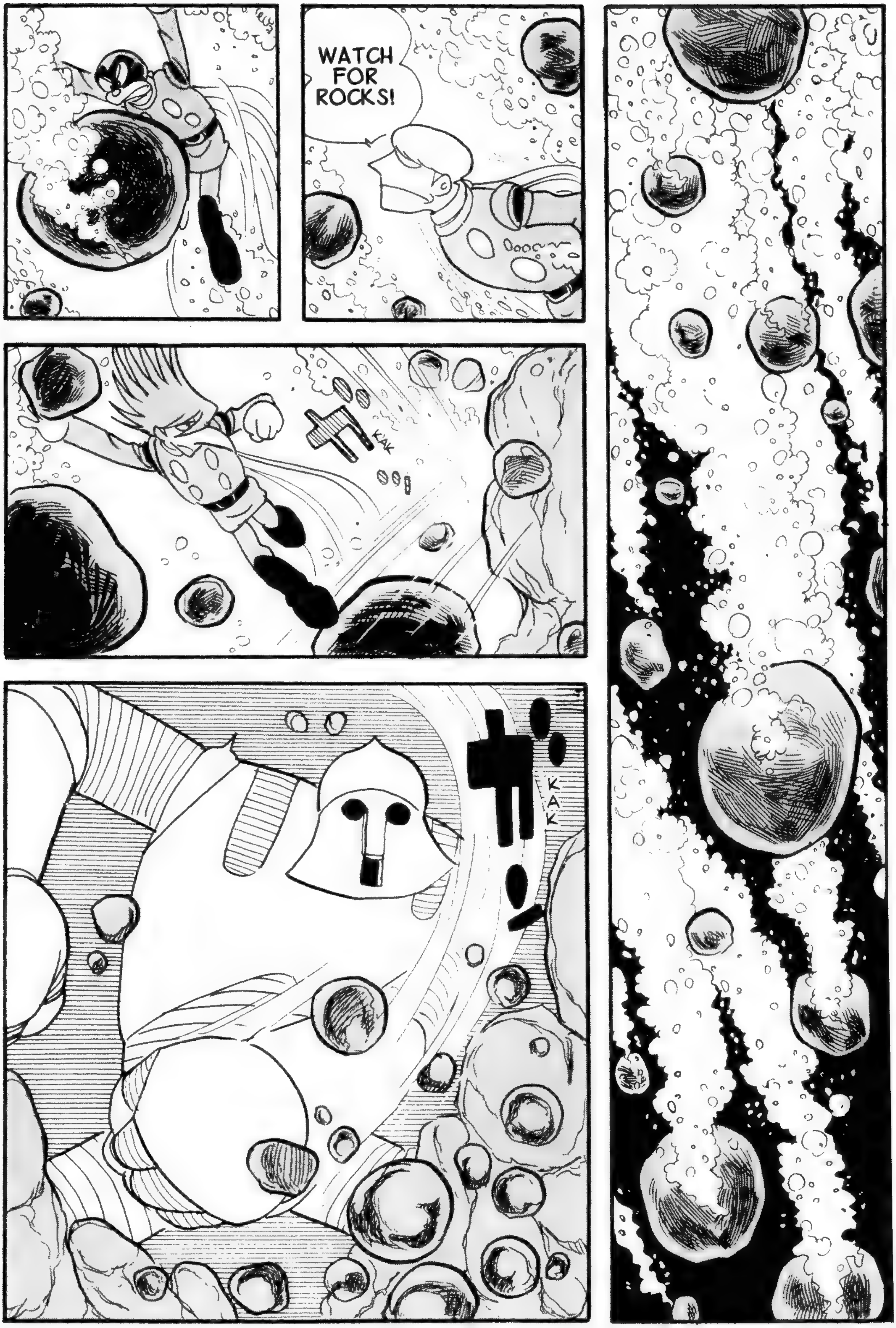
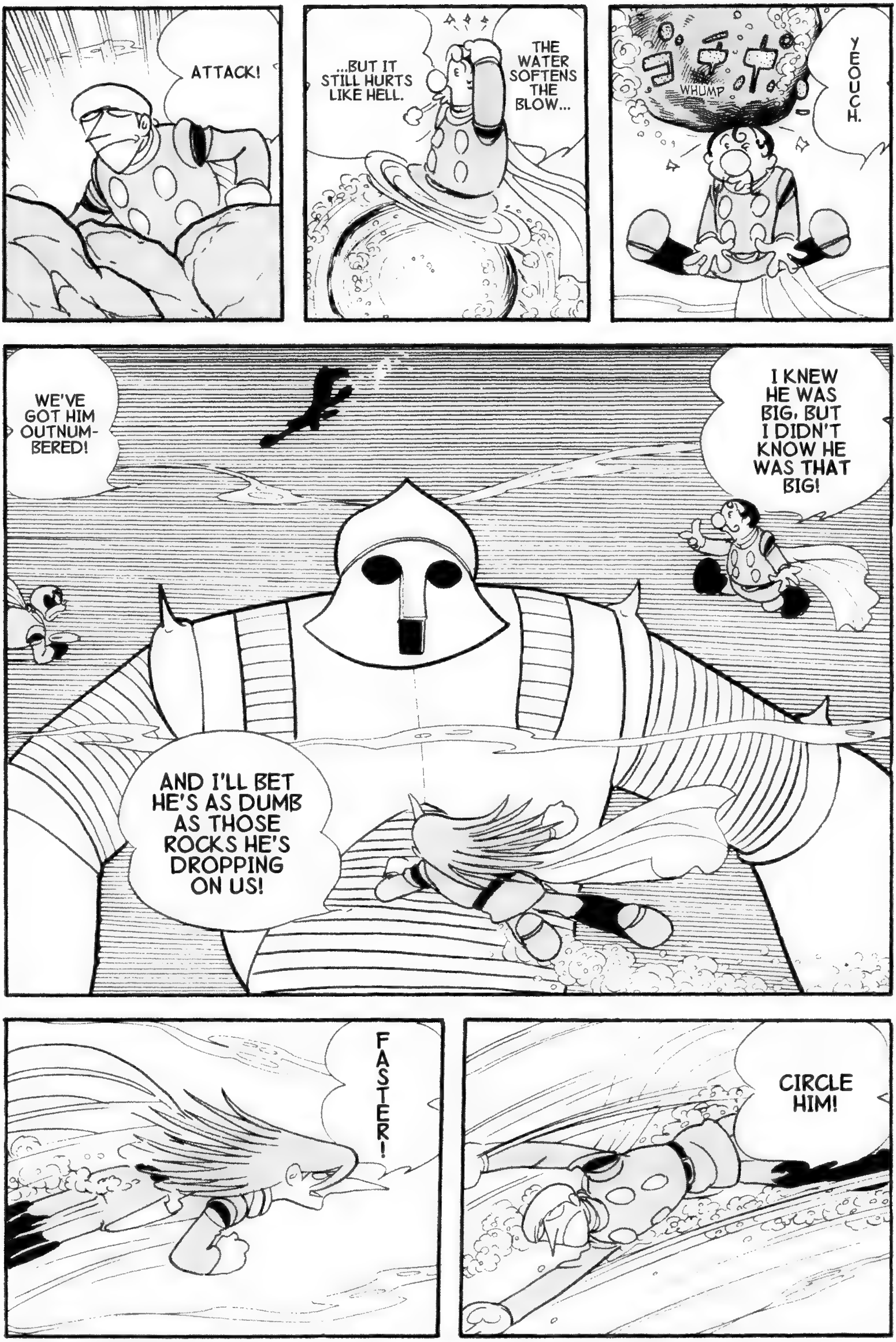

WHAM
UHH...
WE'RE SHAKING TOO MUCH TO PERFORM ANYTHING MORE THAN MINOR SURGERY.
WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?
WHAM
WHAM

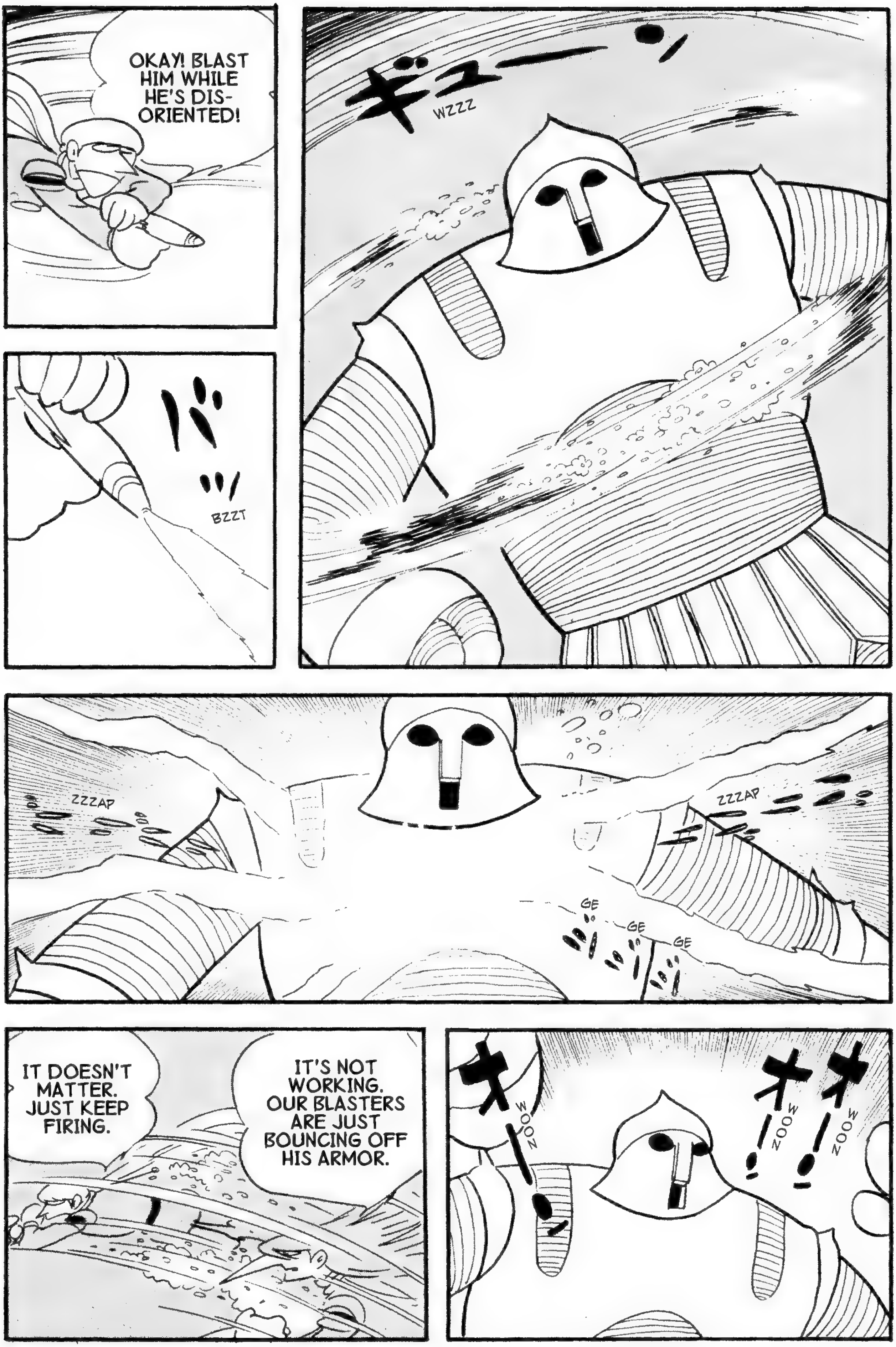

DAMN! WE'RE STUCK.
THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO!
WE CAN'T DIVE ANY DEEPER...!
...AND THERE ARE TOO MANY ROCKS TO MOVE FORWARD!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE ON THAT THING!
WHAM
WHAM
DAMMIT!
CAN WE GET A TRACE ON 005?!


THAT THING IS OUR PROBLEM NOW!
IF THIS KEEPS UP, WE'RE GONNA BE BURIED IN RUBBLE!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO.
ATLAS...
OKAY, LISTEN UP!
002, 006, 008... COME WITH ME!
WISH US LUCK, DR.GILMORE.
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED MORE THAN LUCK!
KLANG
THIS LITTLE ONE IS JUST ABOUT THE MOST USELESS MEMBER OF THE TEAM.
SURE, HE'S THE MOST POWERFUL, BUT HE'LL BE SLEEPING FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.
HUH?




WATCH FOR ROCKS!
KAK
KAK


ATTACK!
THE WATER SOFTENS THE BLOW...
...BUT IT STILL HURTS LIKE HELL.
WHUMP
YEOUCH.
WE'VE GOT HIM OUTNUMBERED!
I KNEW HE WAS BIG, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS THAT BIG!
AND I'LL BET HE'S AS DUMB AS THOSE ROCKS HE'S DROPPING ON US!
FASTER!
CIRCLE HIM!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WZZZ
OKAY! BLAST HIM WHILE HE'S DISORIENTED!
バッ
BZZT
ZZZAP
ZZZAP
GE
GE
GE
IT'S NOT WORKING. OUR BLASTERS ARE JUST BOUNCING OFF HIS ARMOR.
IT DOESN'T MATTER. JUST KEEP FIRING.
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WOON
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WOON
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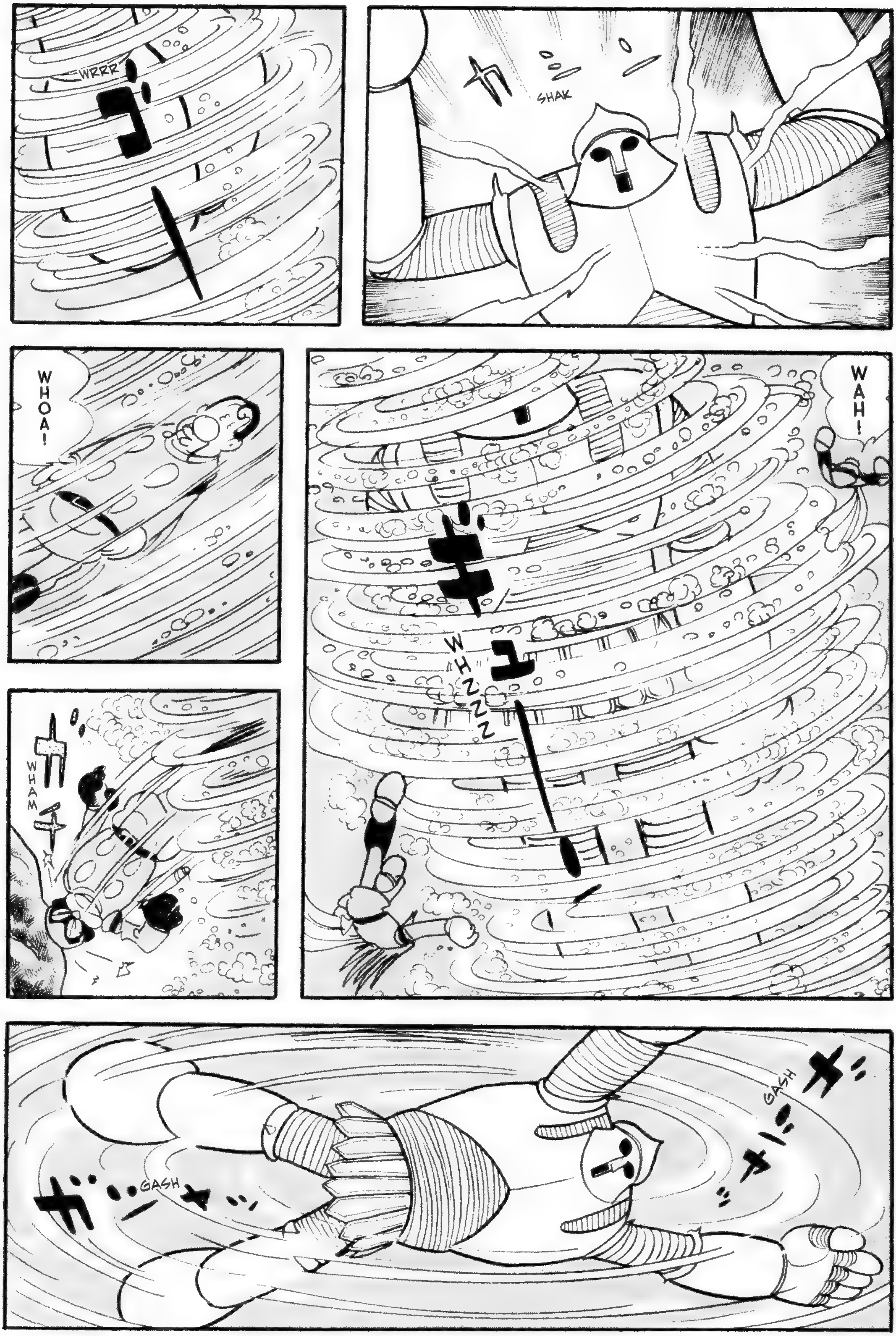
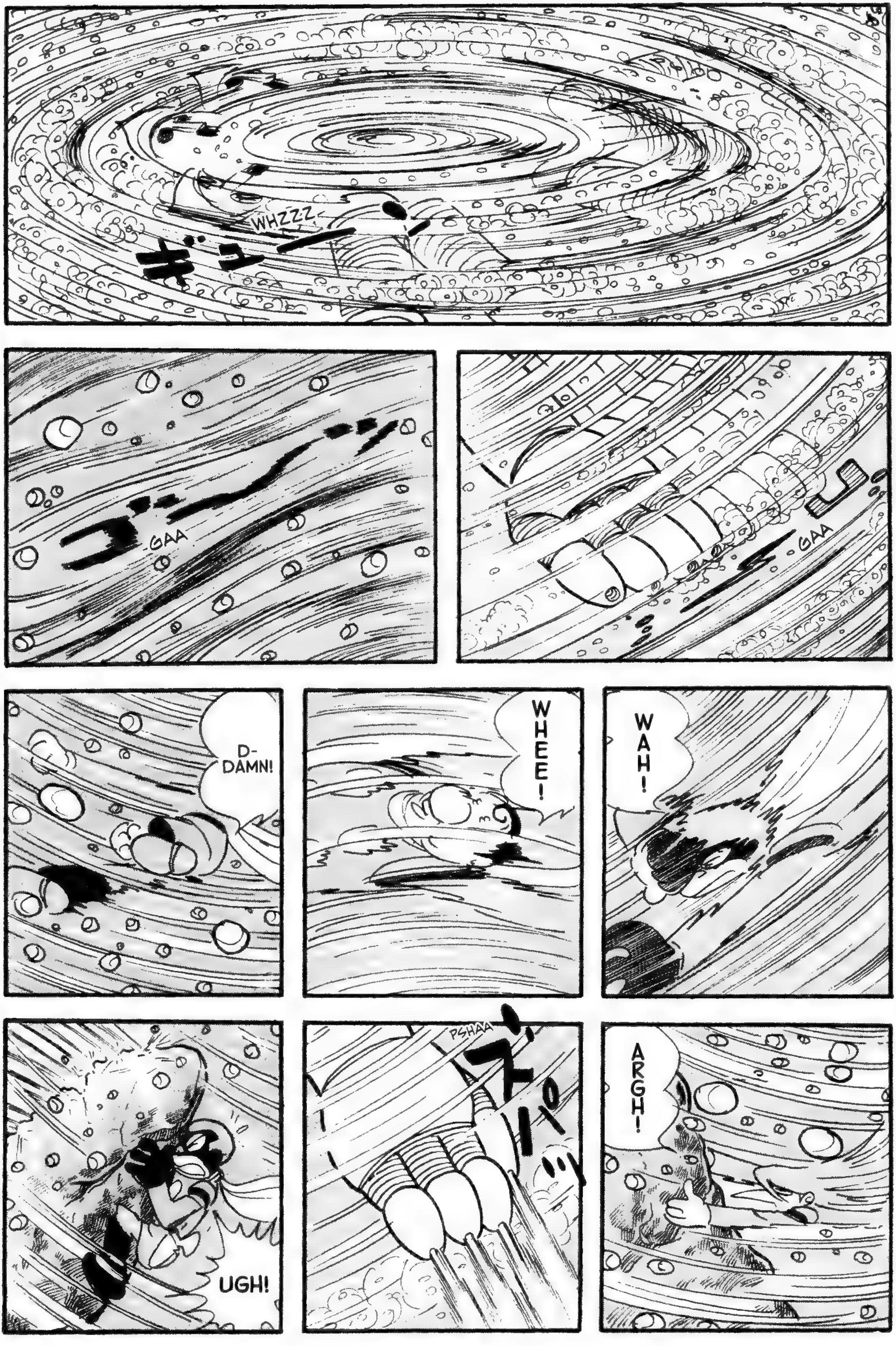
WOON


WRRR
SHAK
WHOA!
WAH!
WHZZZ
WHAM
GASH
GASH


WHZZZ
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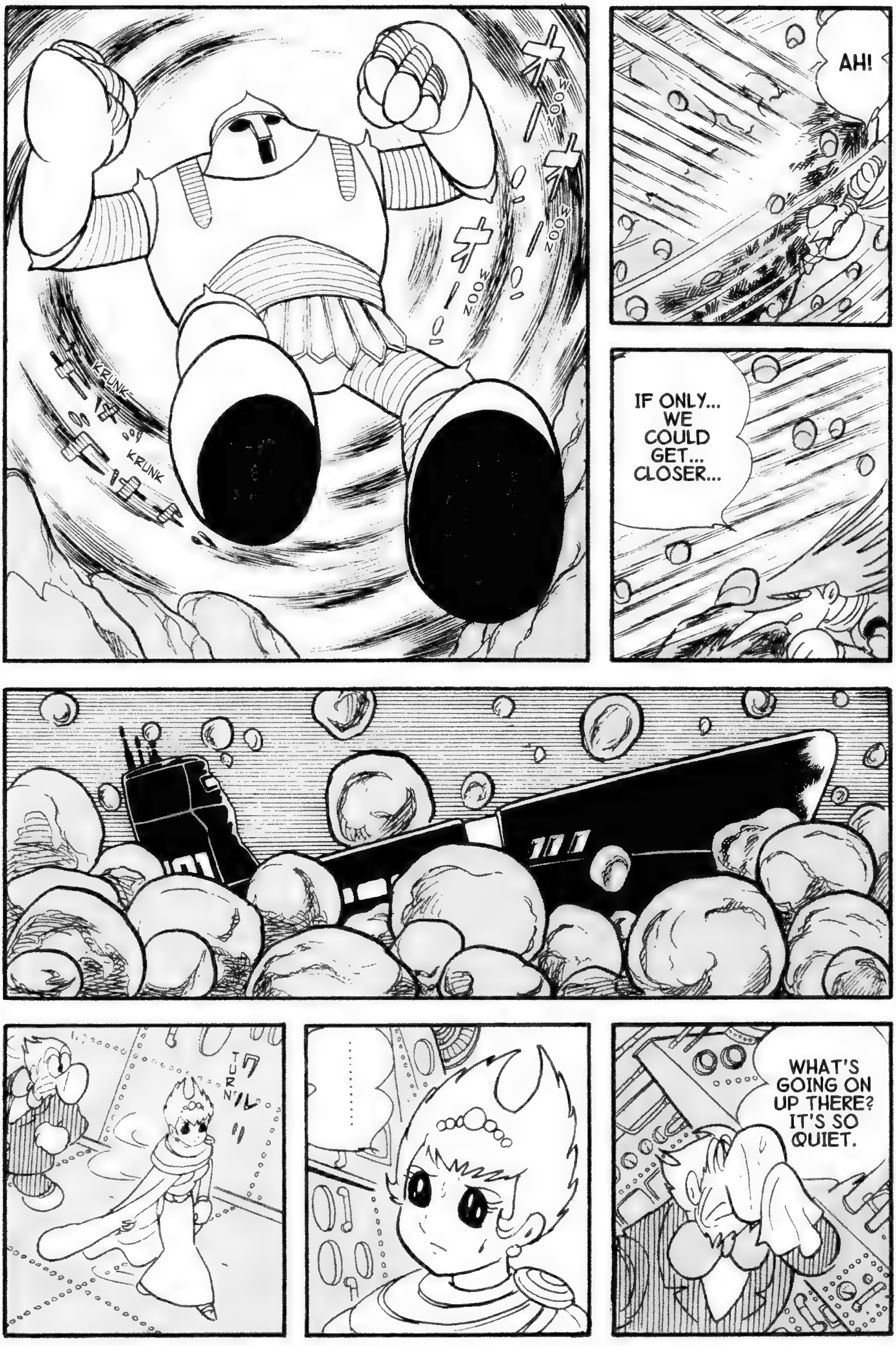
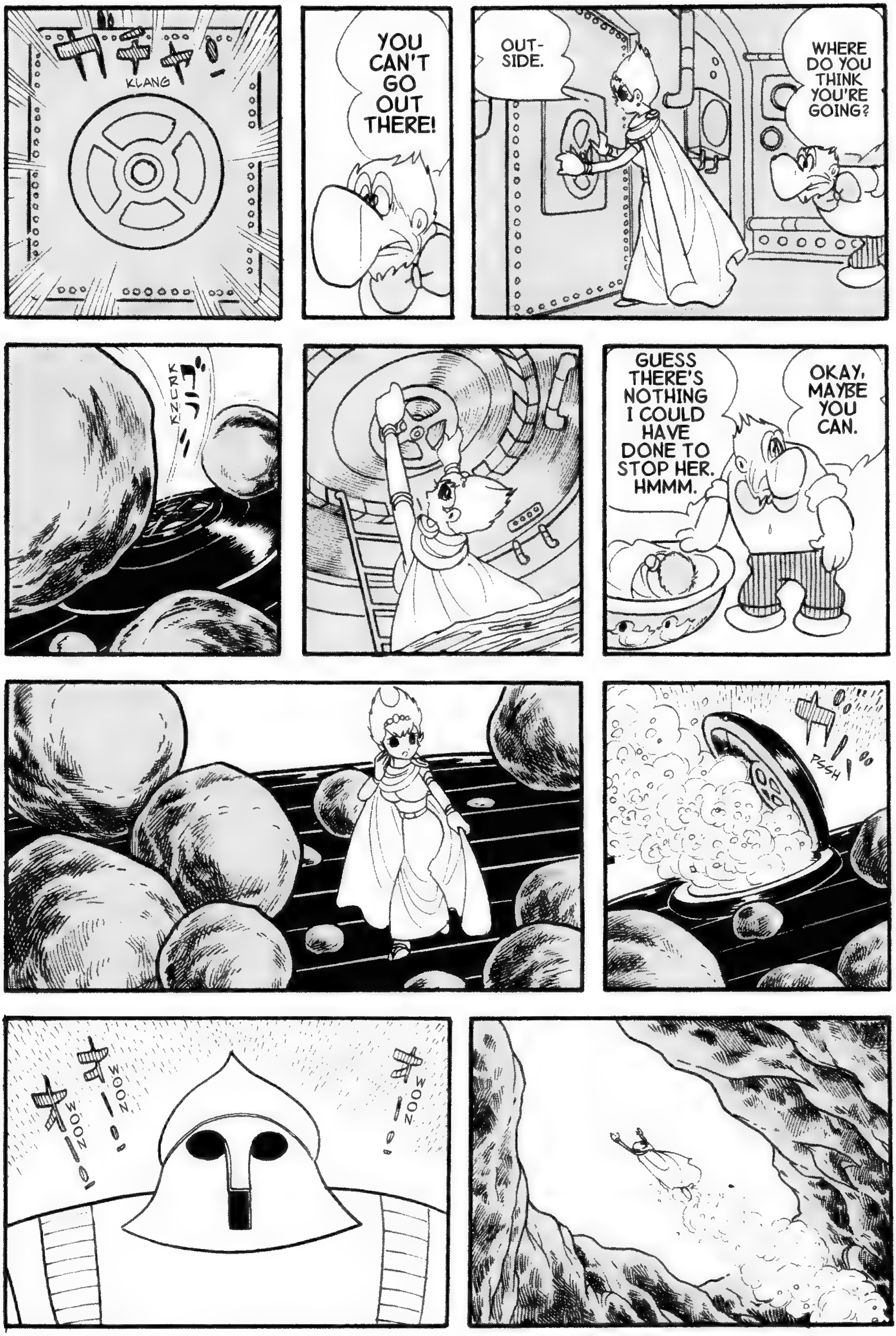
WAH!
WHEE!
D-DAMN!
ARGH!
PSHAA
UGH!


WOON
WOON
WOON
KRUNK
KRUNK
AH!
IF ONLY... WE COULD GET... CLOSER...
TURN
クルッ
......
WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE? IT'S SO QUIET.


WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
OUT-SIDE.
YOU CAN'T GO OUT THERE!
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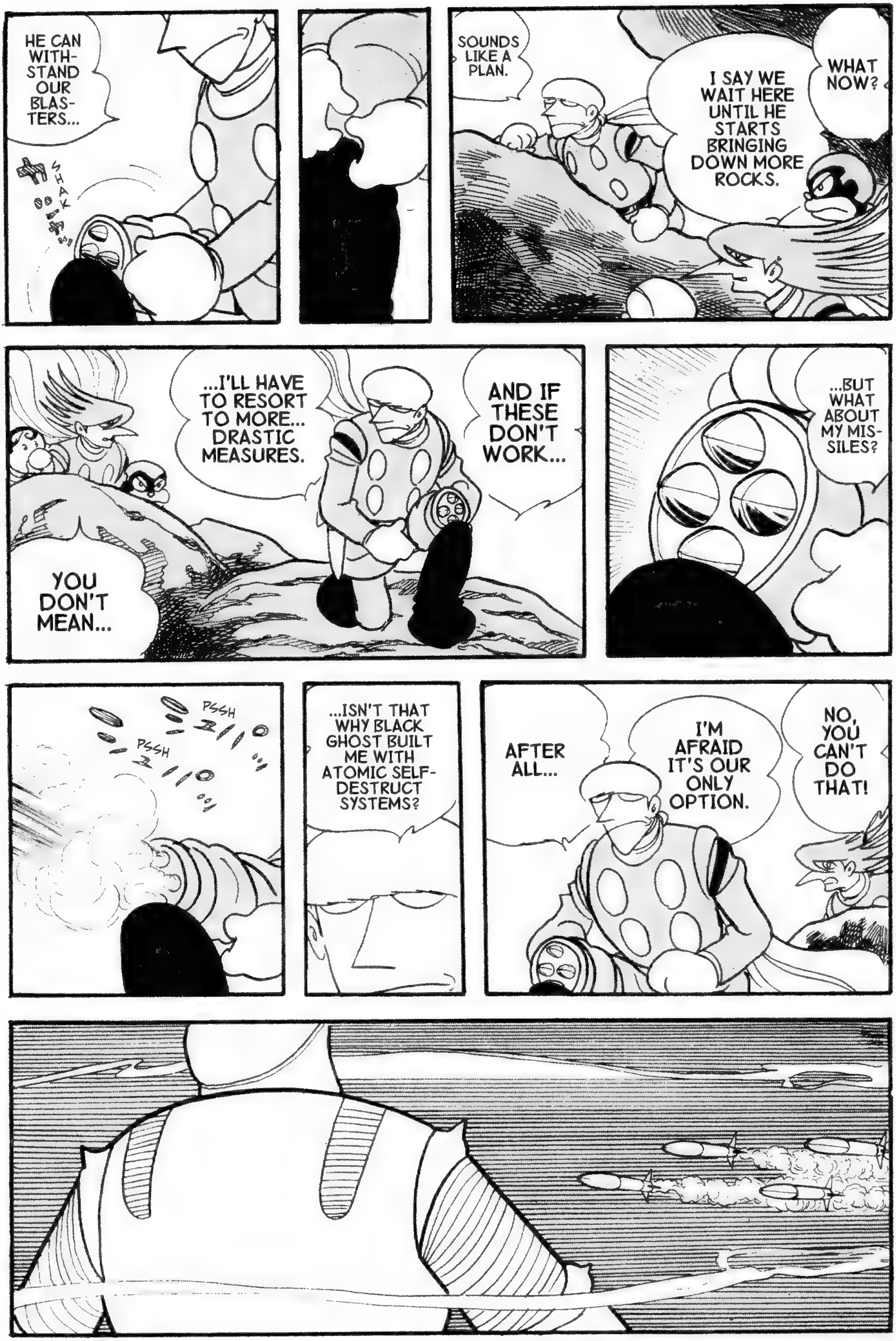
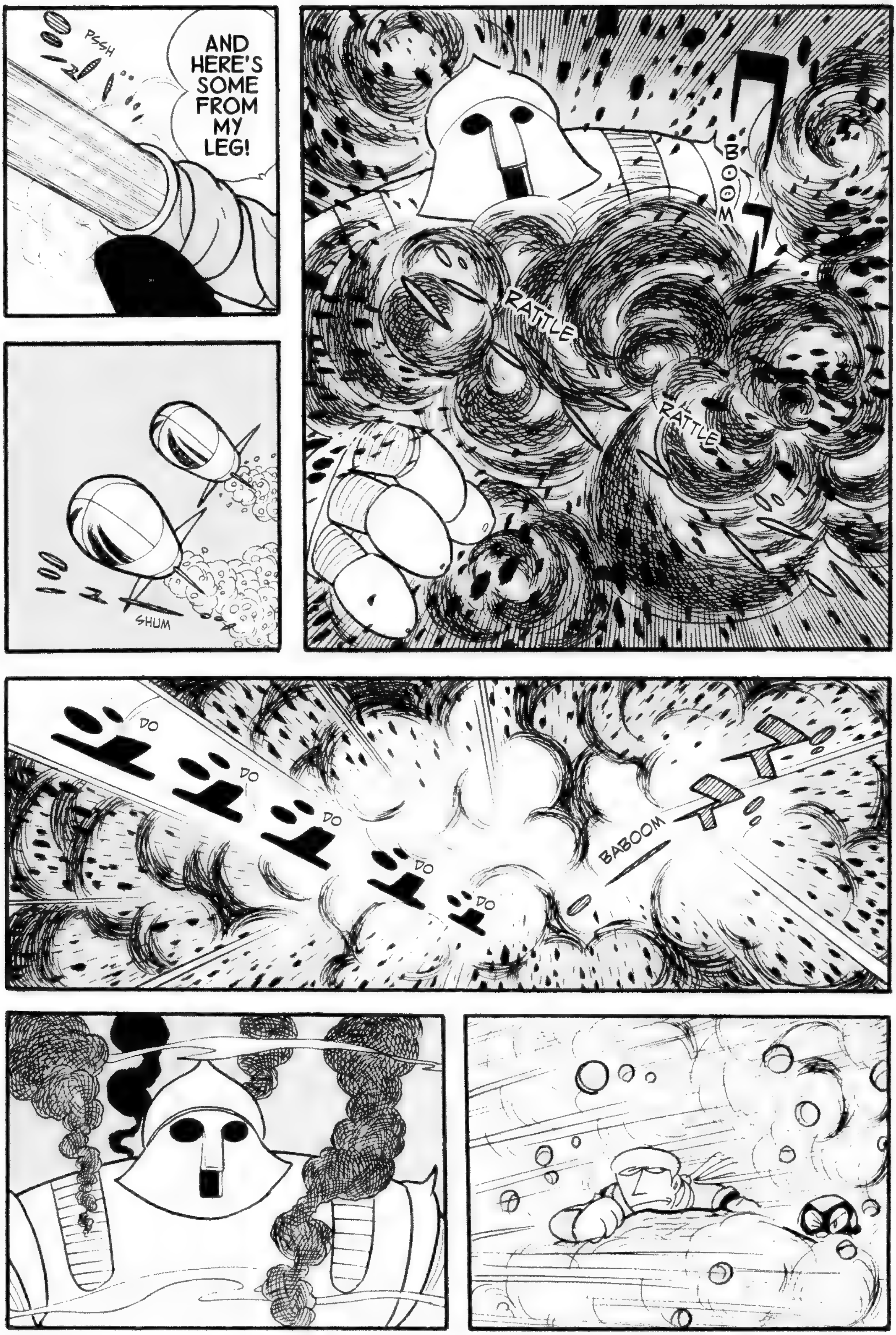
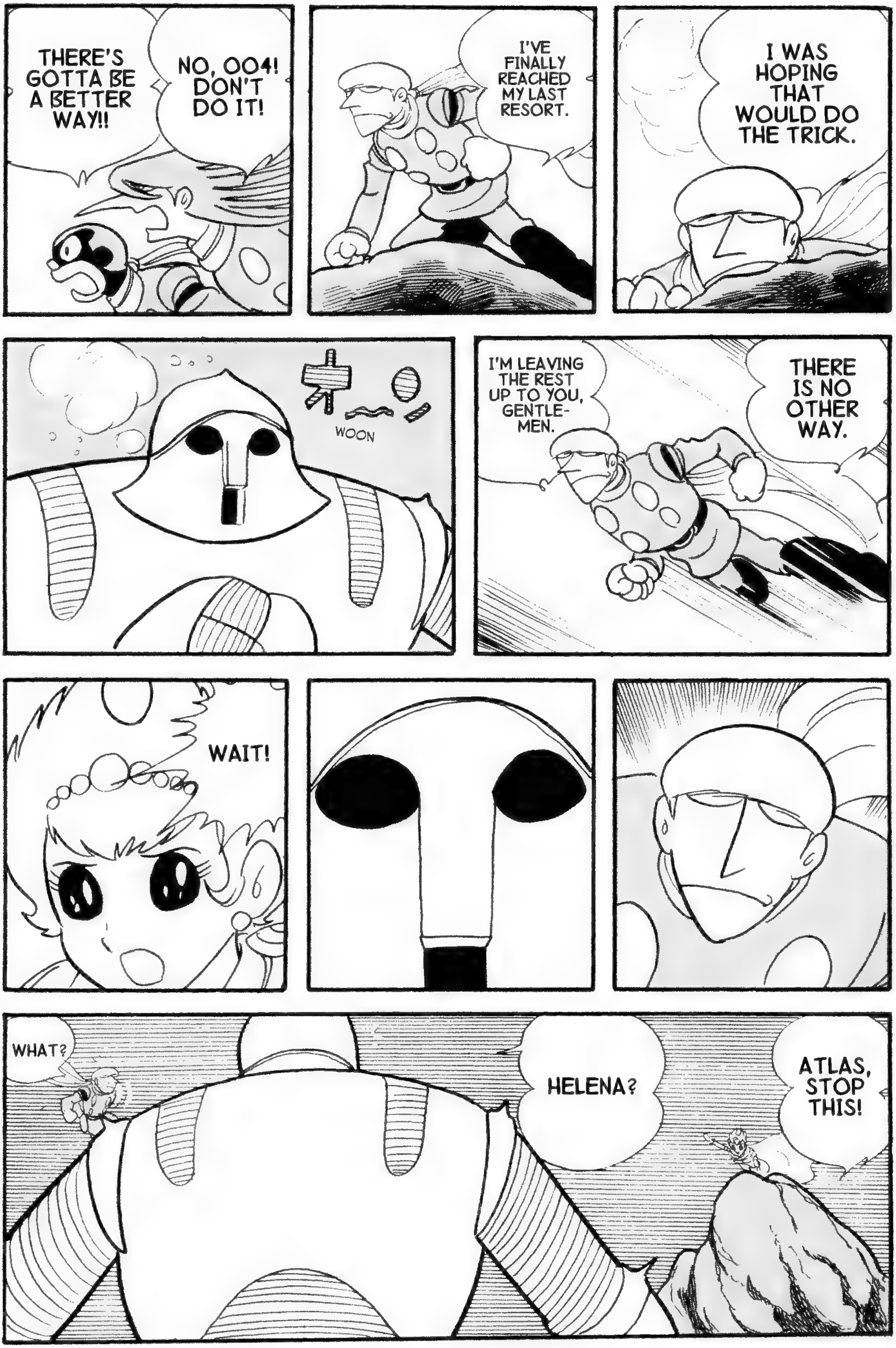
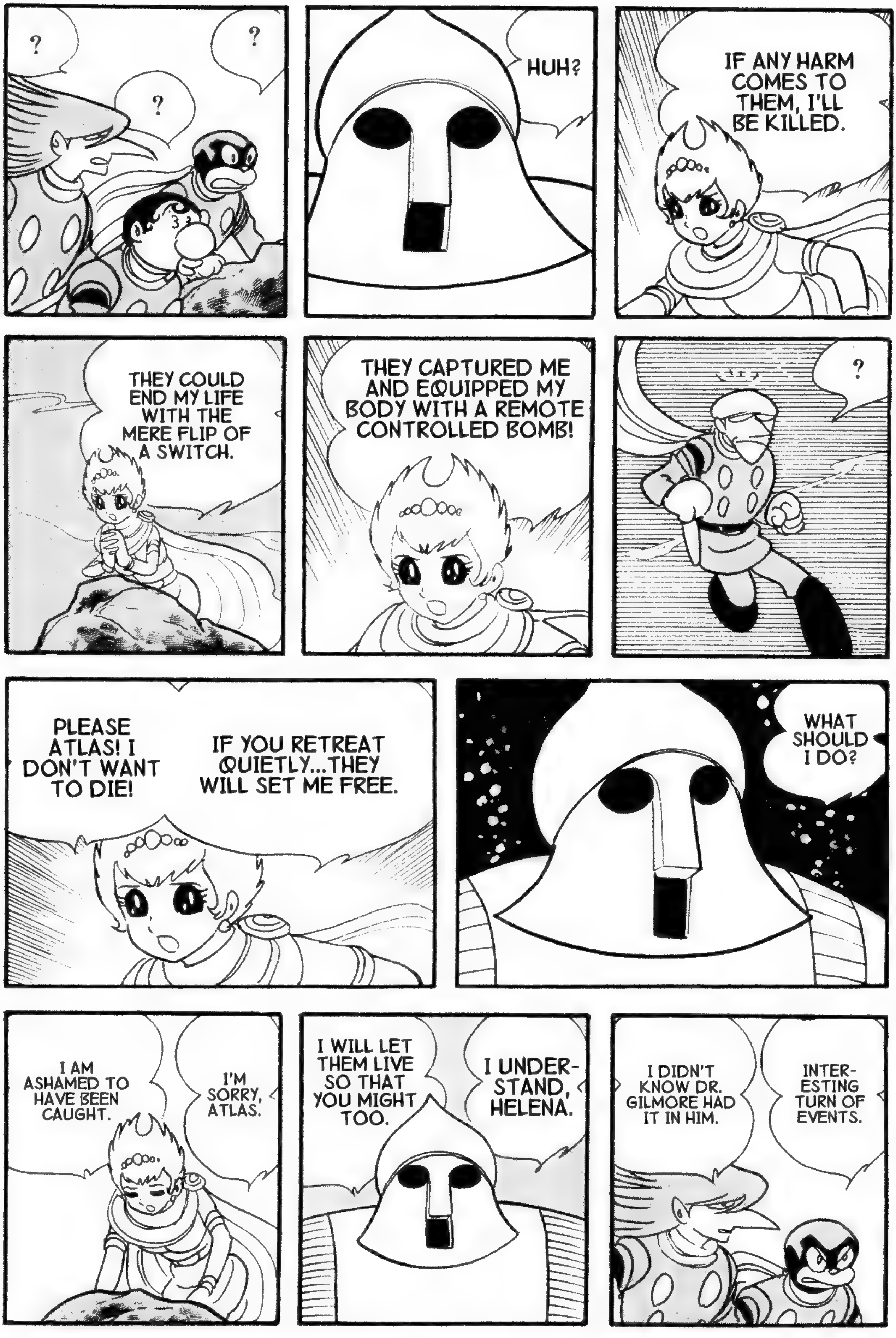
KLANG
OKAY, MAYBE YOU CAN.
GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I COULD HAVE DONE TO STOP HER. HMMM.
ゴン
KRUNK
PSSH
WOON
WOON
WOON


WHAT NOW?
I SAY WE WAIT HERE UNTIL HE STARTS BRINGING DOWN MORE ROCKS.
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.
HE CAN WITHSTAND OUR BLASTERS...
SHAK
...BUT WHAT ABOUT MY MISSILES?
AND IF THESE DON'T WORK...
...I'LL HAVE TO RESORT TO MORE... DRASTIC MEASURES.
YOU DON'T MEAN...
NO, YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
I'M AFRAID IT'S OUR ONLY OPTION.
AFTER ALL...
...ISN'T THAT WHY BLACK GHOST BUILT ME WITH ATOMIC SELF-DESTRUCT SYSTEMS?
PSSH
PSSH

PSSH
AND HERE'S SOME FROM MY LEG!
SHUM
BOOM
RATTLE
RATTLE
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
BABOOM


THERE'S GOTTA BE A BETTER WAY!!
NO, 004! DON'T DO IT!
I'VE FINALLY REACHED MY LAST RESORT.
I WAS HOPING THAT WOULD DO THE TRICK.
WOON
I'M LEAVING THE REST UP TO YOU, GENTLEMEN.
THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.
WAIT!
WHAT?
HELENA?
ATLAS, STOP THIS!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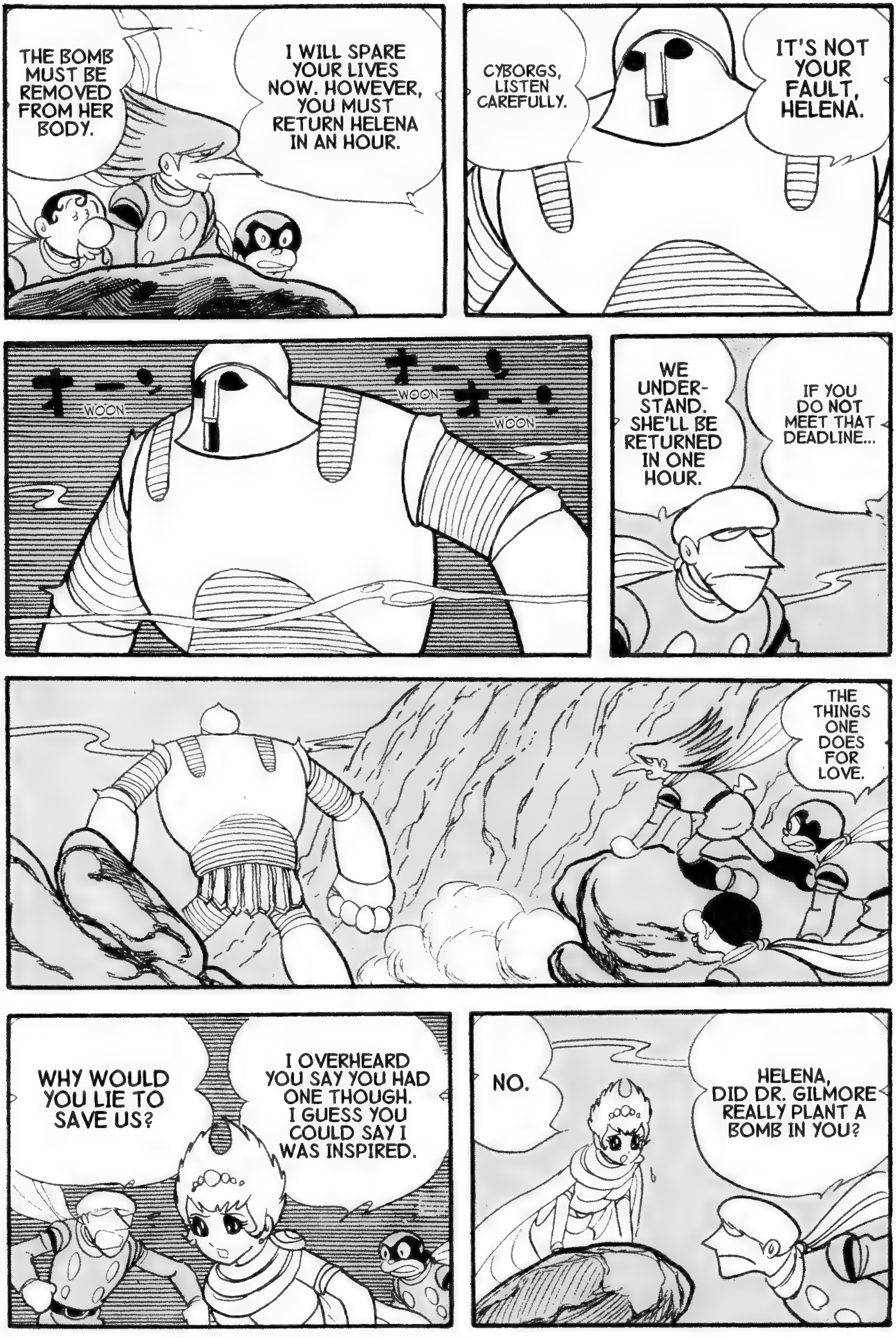
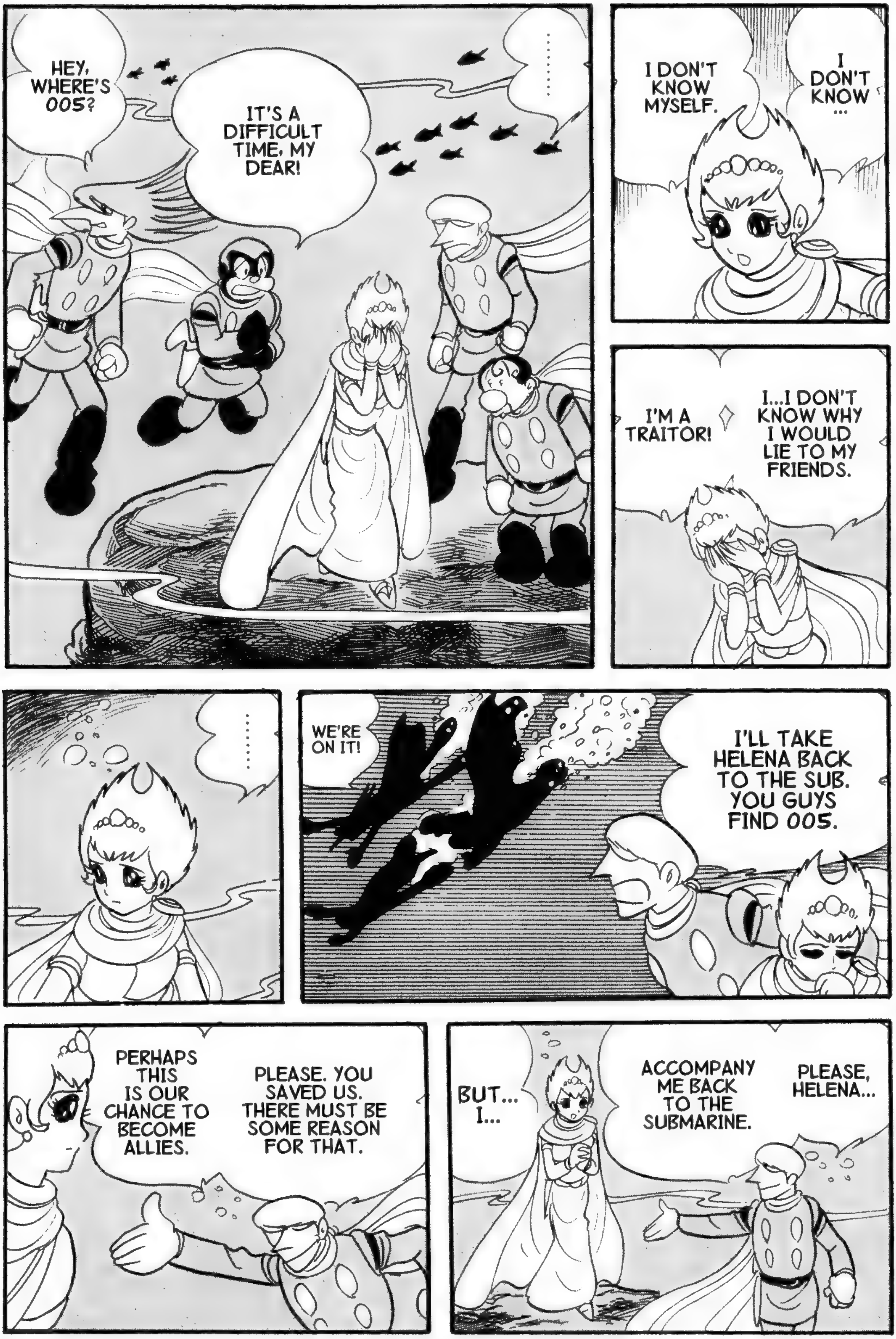
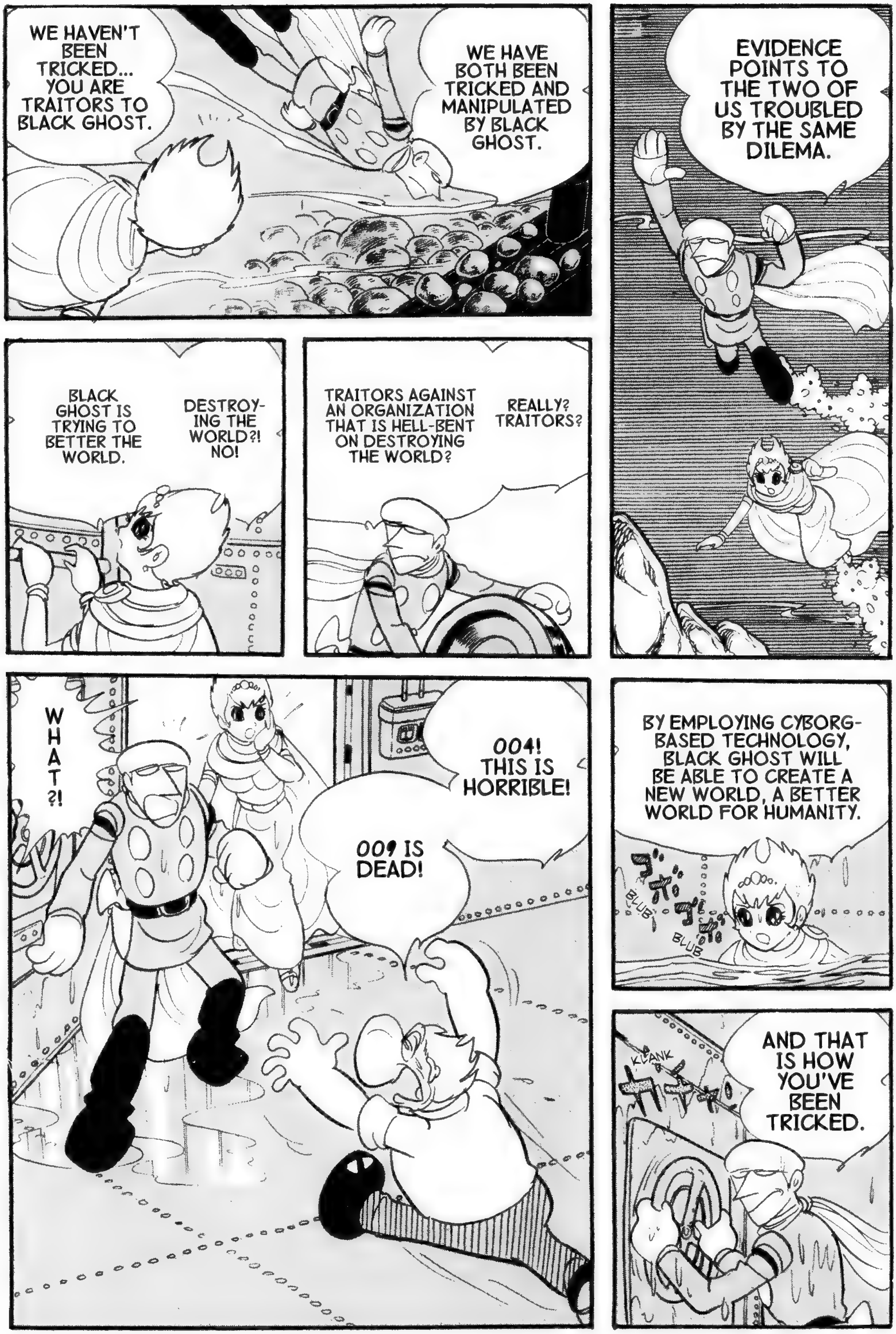
HUH?
IF ANY HARM COMES TO THEM, I'LL BE KILLED.
THEY COULD END MY LIFE WITH THE MERE FLIP OF A SWITCH.
THEY CAPTURED ME AND EQUIPPED MY BODY WITH A REMOTE CONTROLLED BOMB!
?
IF YOU RETREAT QUIETLY...THEY WILL SET ME FREE.
PLEASE ATLAS! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'M SORRY, ATLAS.
I AM ASHAMED TO HAVE BEEN CAUGHT.
I UNDERSTAND, HELENA.
I WILL LET THEM LIVE SO THAT YOU MIGHT TOO.
INTERESTING TURN OF EVENTS.
I DIDN'T KNOW DR. GILMORE HAD IT IN HIM.


IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, HELENA.
CYBORGS, LISTEN CAREFULLY.
I WILL SPARE YOUR LIVES NOW. HOWEVER, YOU MUST RETURN HELENA IN AN HOUR.
THE BOMB MUST BE REMOVED FROM HER BODY.
IF YOU DO NOT MEET THAT DEADLINE...
WE UNDERSTAND. SHE'LL BE RETURNED IN ONE HOUR.
オーン
WOON
オーン
WOON
オーン
WOON
THE THINGS ONE DOES FOR LOVE.
HELENA, DID DR. GILMORE REALLY PLANT A BOMB IN YOU?
NO.
I OVERHEARD YOU SAY YOU HAD ONE THOUGH. I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I WAS INSPIRED.
WHY WOULD YOU LIE TO SAVE US?


HEY, WHERE'S 005?
IT'S A DIFFICULT TIME, MY DEAR!
....
I DON'T KNOW ...
I DON'T KNOW MYSELF.
I...I DON'T KNOW WHY I WOULD LIE TO MY FRIENDS.
I'M A TRAITOR!
....
I'LL TAKE HELENA BACK TO THE SUB. YOU GUYS FIND 005.
WE'RE ON IT!
PLEASE. YOU SAVED US. THERE MUST BE SOME REASON FOR THAT.
PERHAPS THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO BECOME ALLIES.
PLEASE, HELENA...
ACCOMPANY ME BACK TO THE SUBMARINE.
BUT... I...


EVIDENCE POINTS TO THE TWO OF US TROUBLED BY THE SAME DILEMA.
WE HAVE BOTH BEEN TRICKED AND MANIPULATED BY BLACK GHOST.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN TRICKED... YOU ARE TRAITORS TO BLACK GHOST.
REALLY? TRAITORS?
TRAITORS AGAINST AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS HELL-BENT ON DESTROYING THE WORLD?
DESTROY-ING THE WORLD?! NO!
BLACK GHOST IS TRYING TO BETTER THE WORLD.
BY EMPLOYING CYBORG-BASED TECHNOLOGY, BLACK GHOST WILL BE ABLE TO CREATE A NEW WORLD, A BETTER WORLD FOR HUMANITY.
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BLUB BLUB
AND THAT IS HOW YOU'VE BEEN TRICKED.
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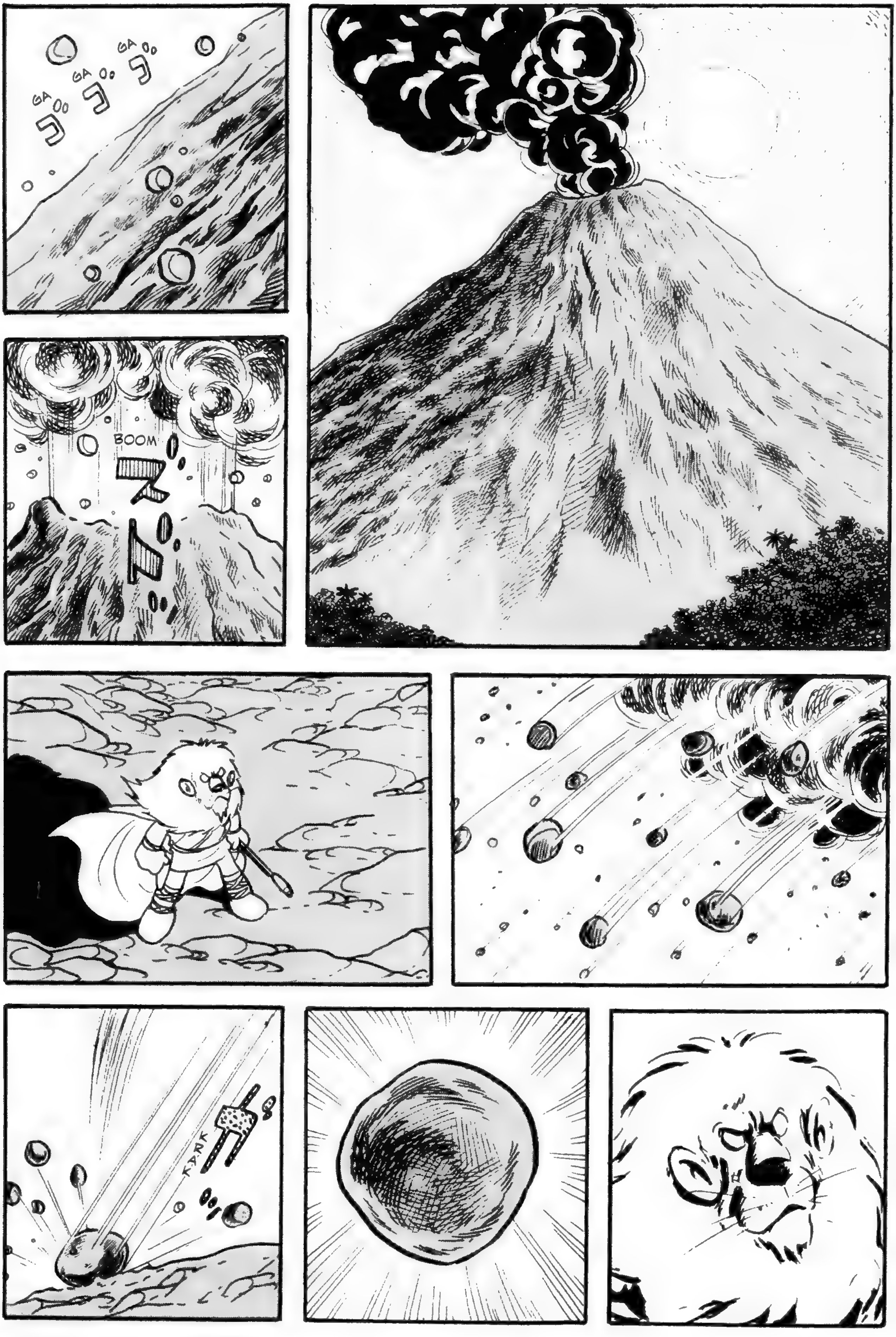
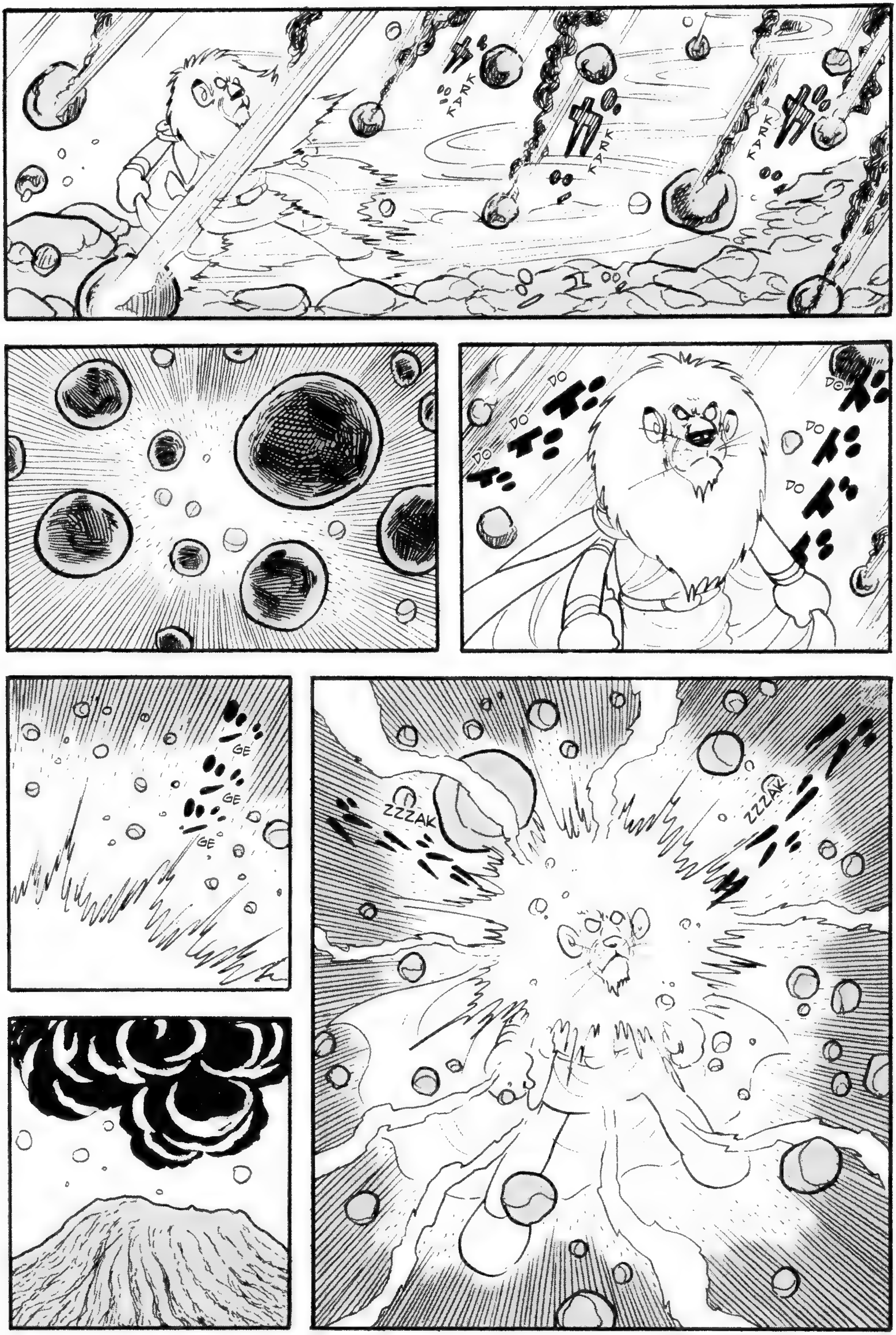
KLANK
004! THIS IS HORRIBLE!
009 IS DEAD!
WHAT?!


GA ゴ
GA ゴ
GA ゴ
BOOM
ズム
KARK


KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
DO
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ZZZAK
ZZZAK
GE
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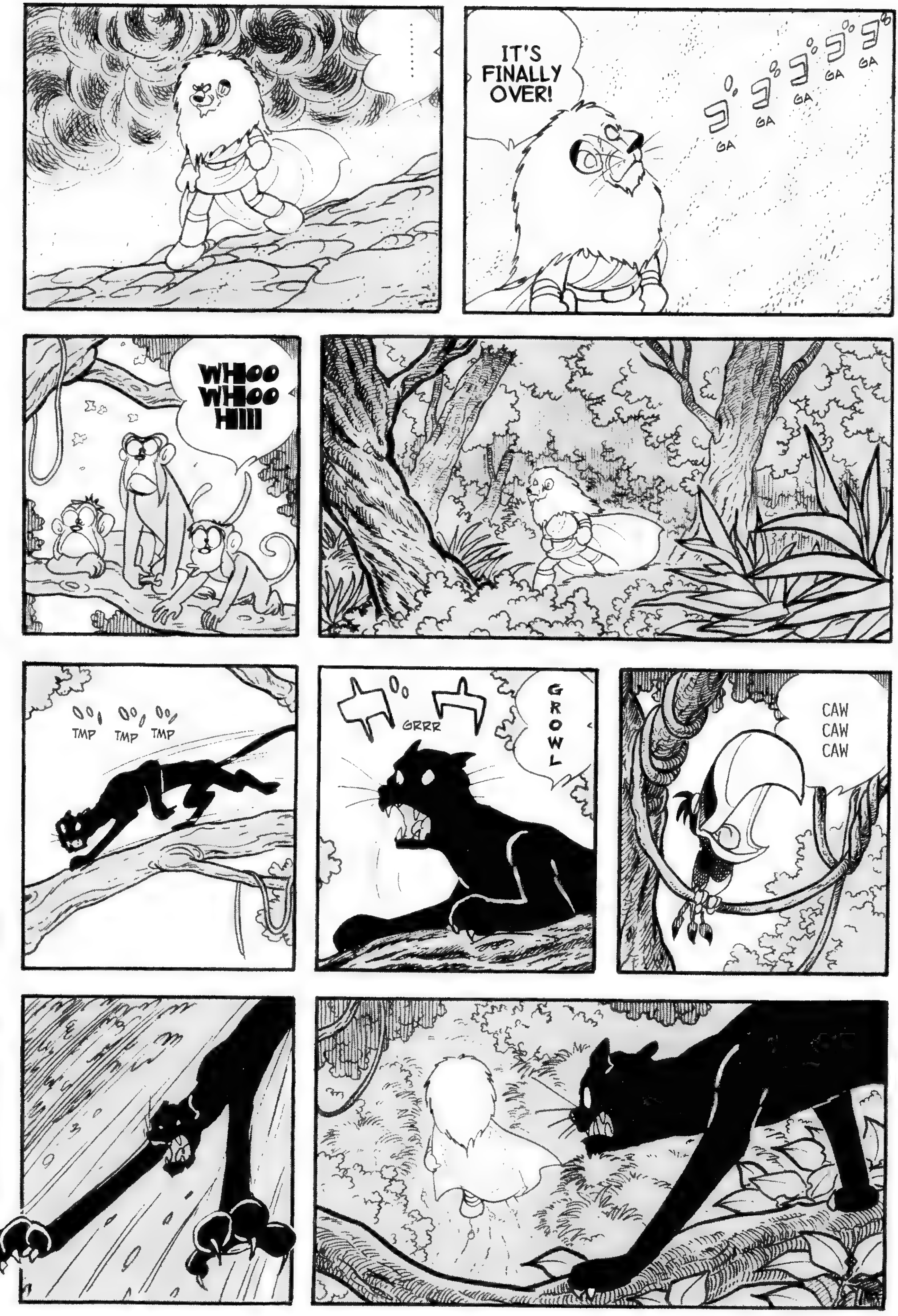
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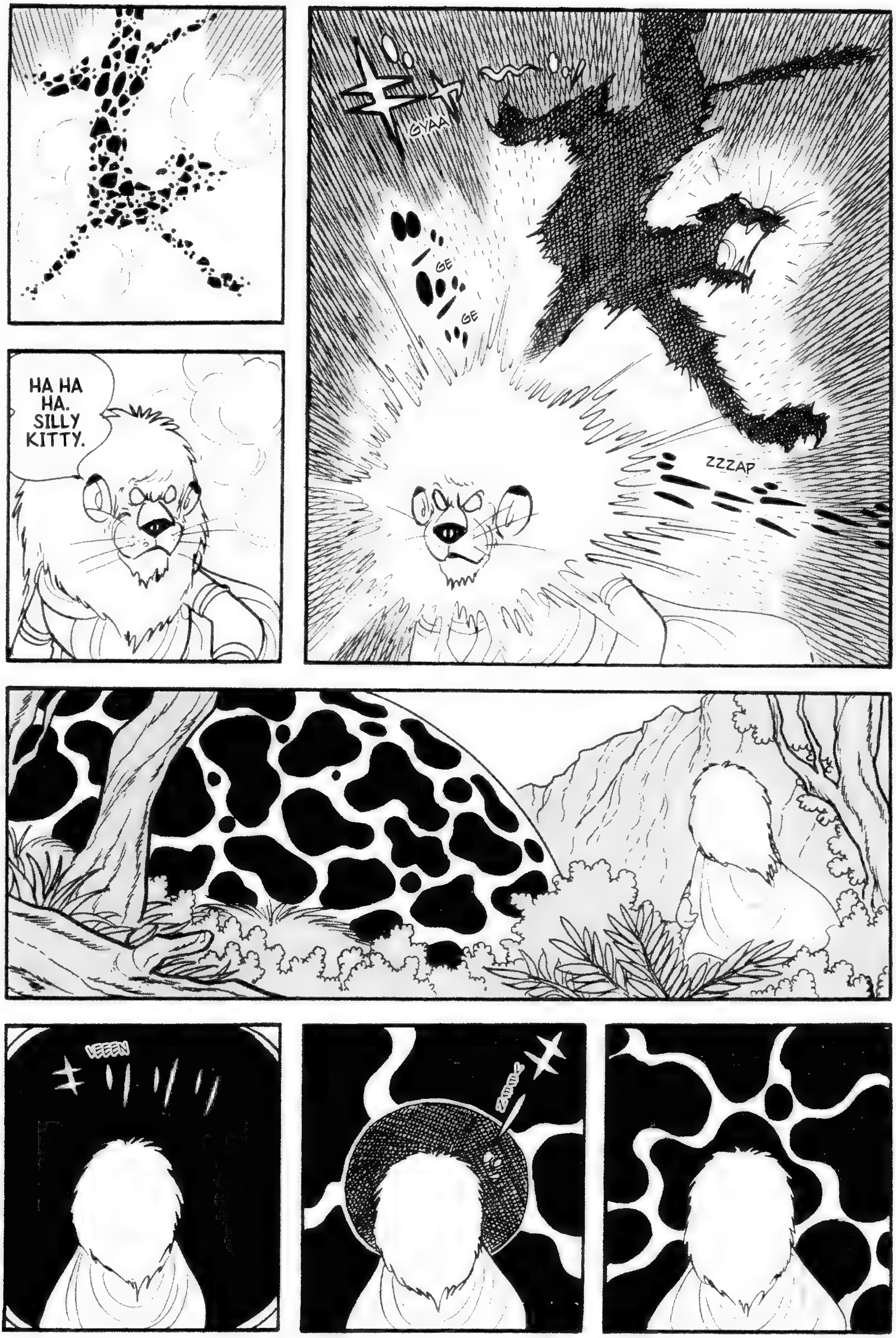
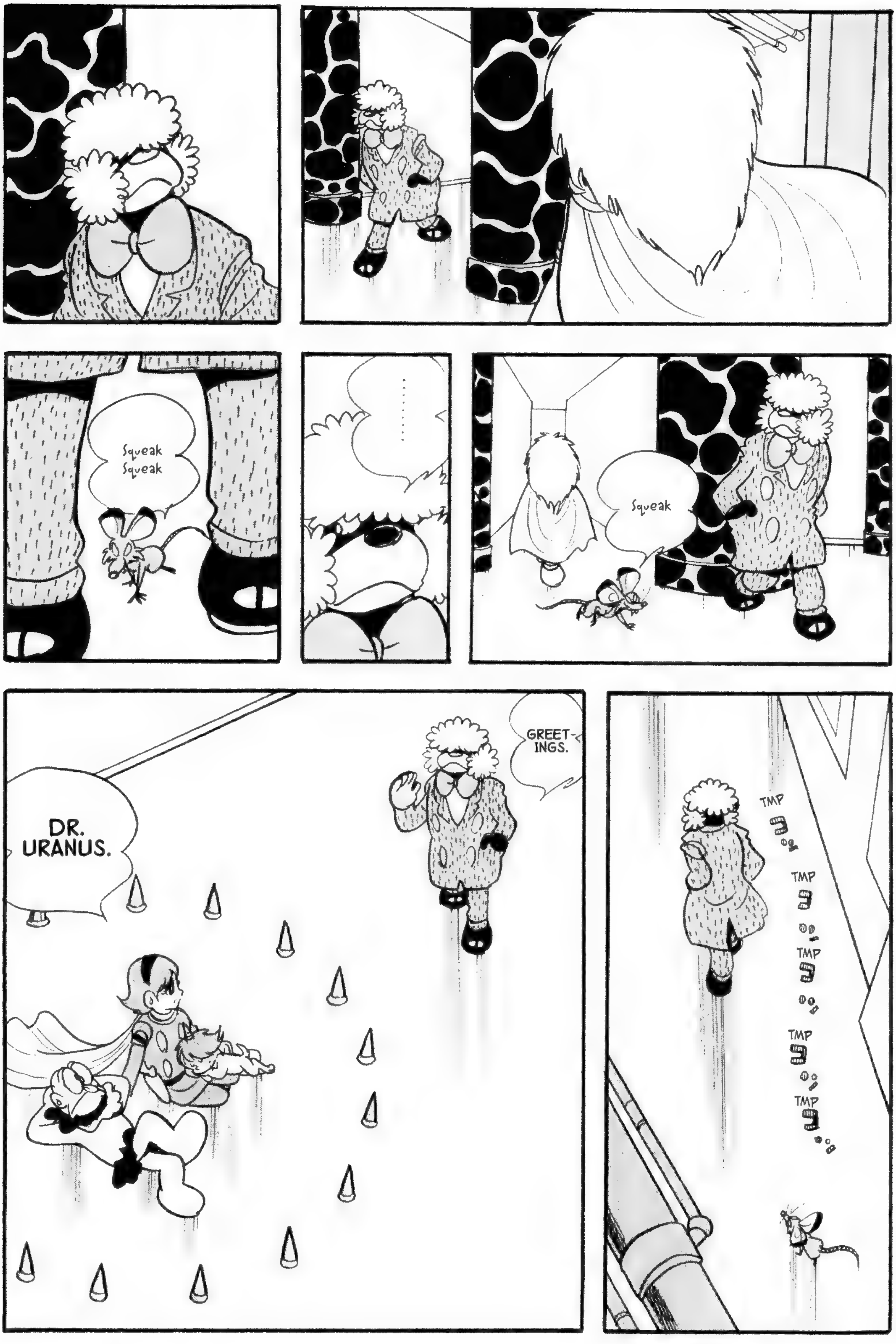
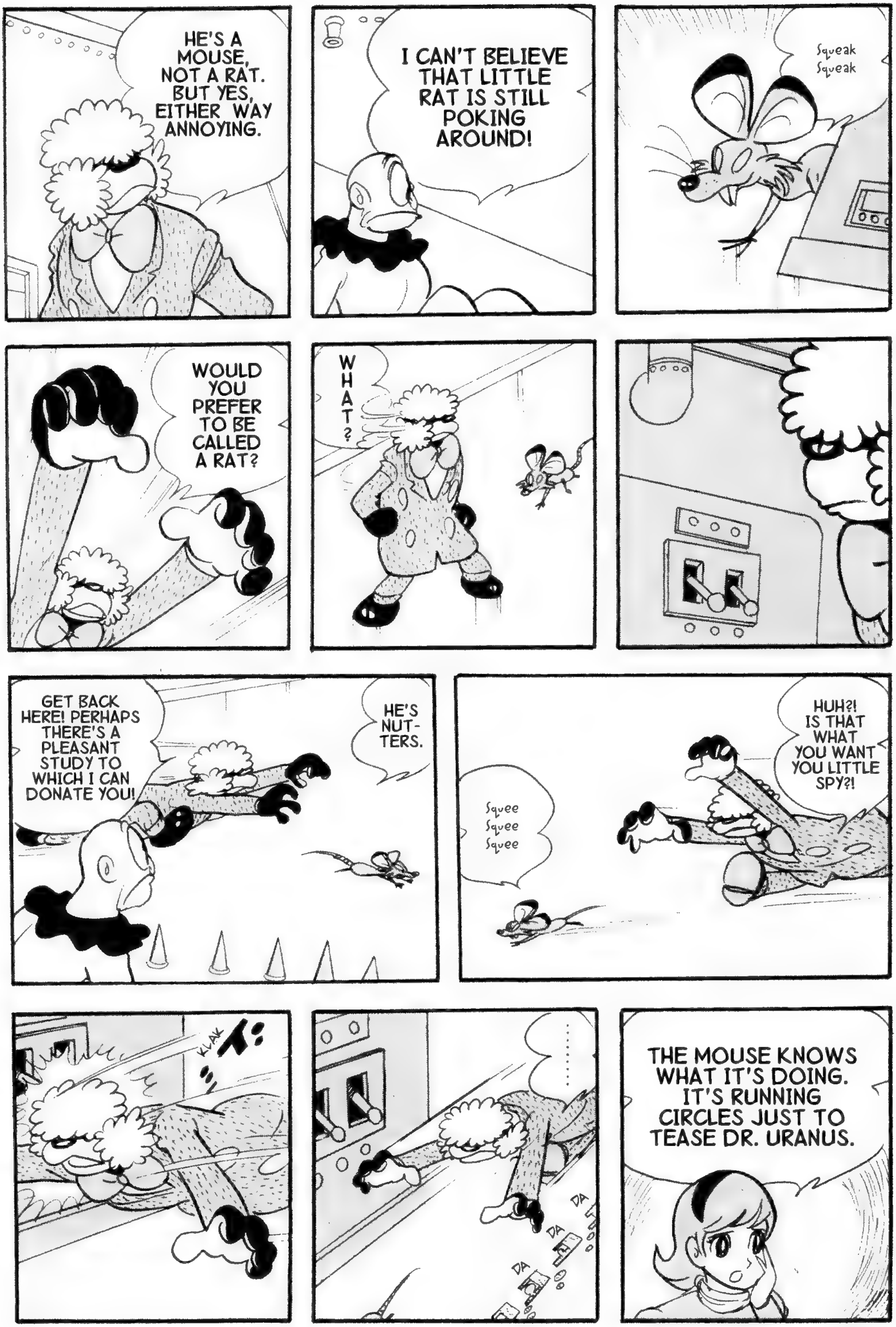
IT'S FINALLY OVER!
GA GA GA GA GA
WHOO WHOO HIII
TMP TMP TMP
GRRR
GROWL
CAW CAW CAW


HA HA HA. SILLY KITTY.
GYAA
GE
GE
ZZZAP
VEEEN


Squeak Squeak
....
Squeak
DR. URANUS.
GREETINGS.
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP


Squeak Squeak
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT LITTLE RAT IS STILL POKING AROUND!
HE'S A MOUSE, NOT A RAT. BUT YES, EITHER WAY ANNOYING.
WHAT?
WOULD YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED A RAT?
HUH?! IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT YOU LITTLE SPY?!
Squee Squee Squee
HE'S NUTTERS.
GET BACK HERE! PERHAPS THERE'S A PLEASANT STUDY TO WHICH I CAN DONATE YOU!
THE MOUSE KNOWS WHAT IT'S DOING. IT'S RUNNING CIRCLES JUST TO TEASE DR. URANUS.
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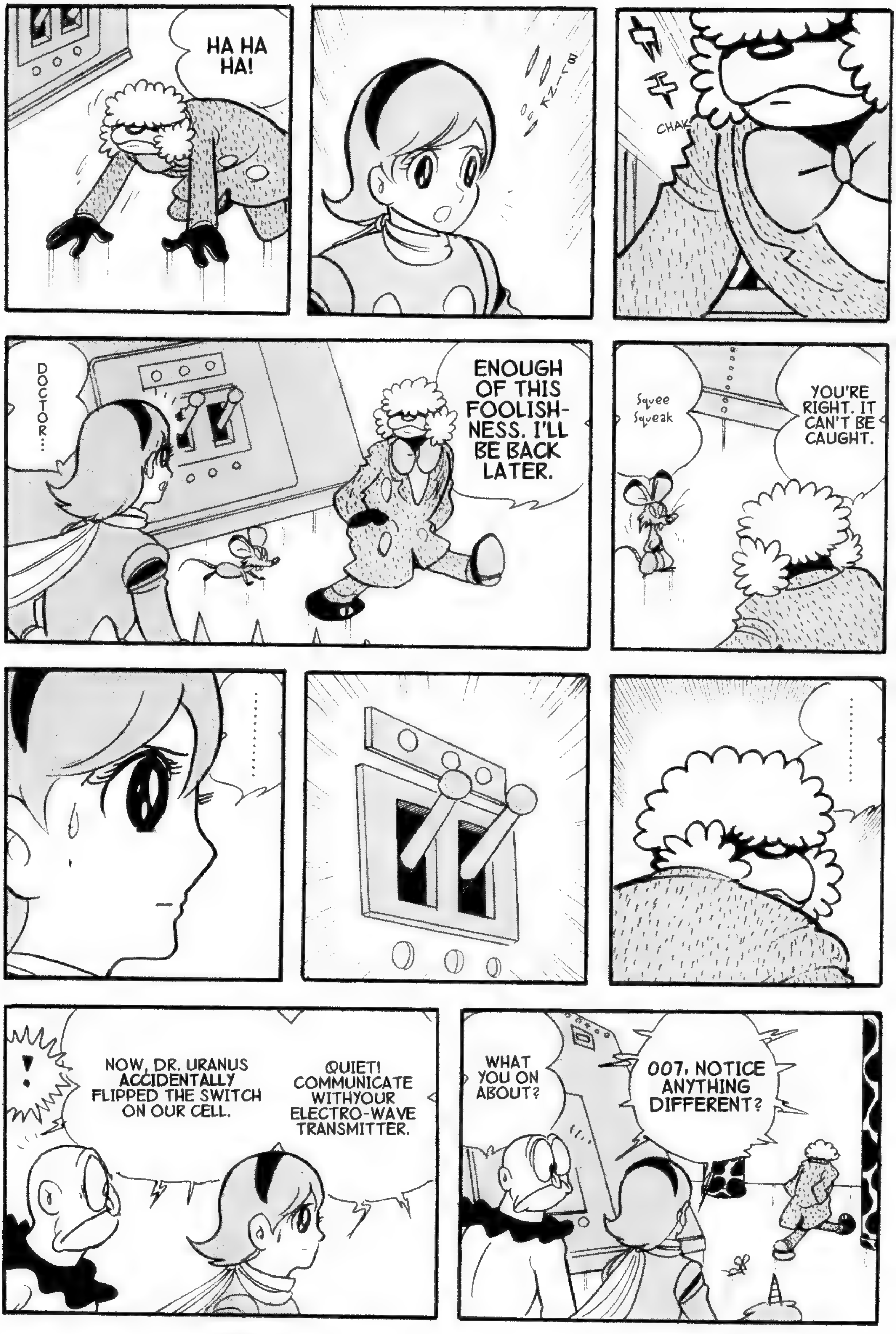
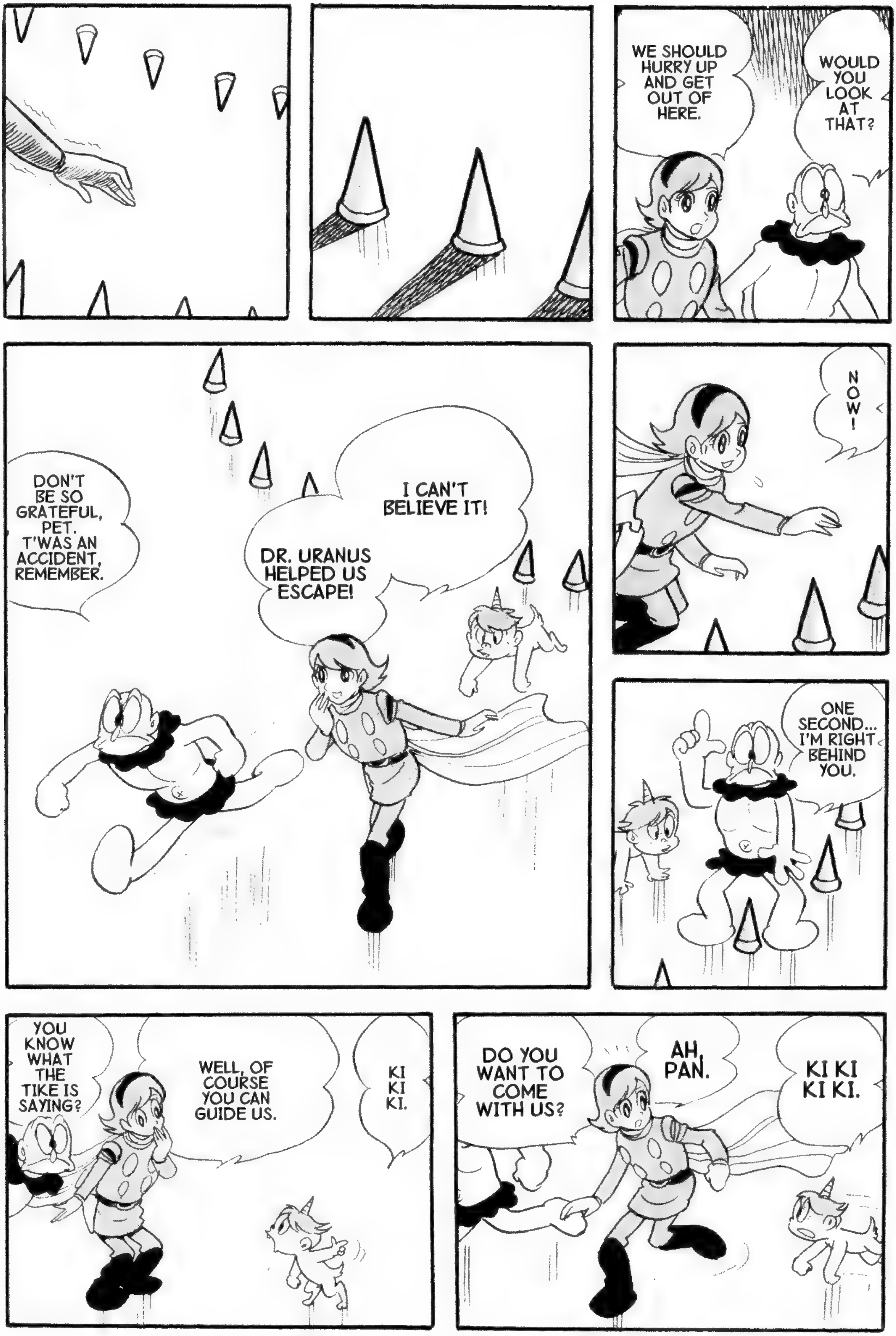
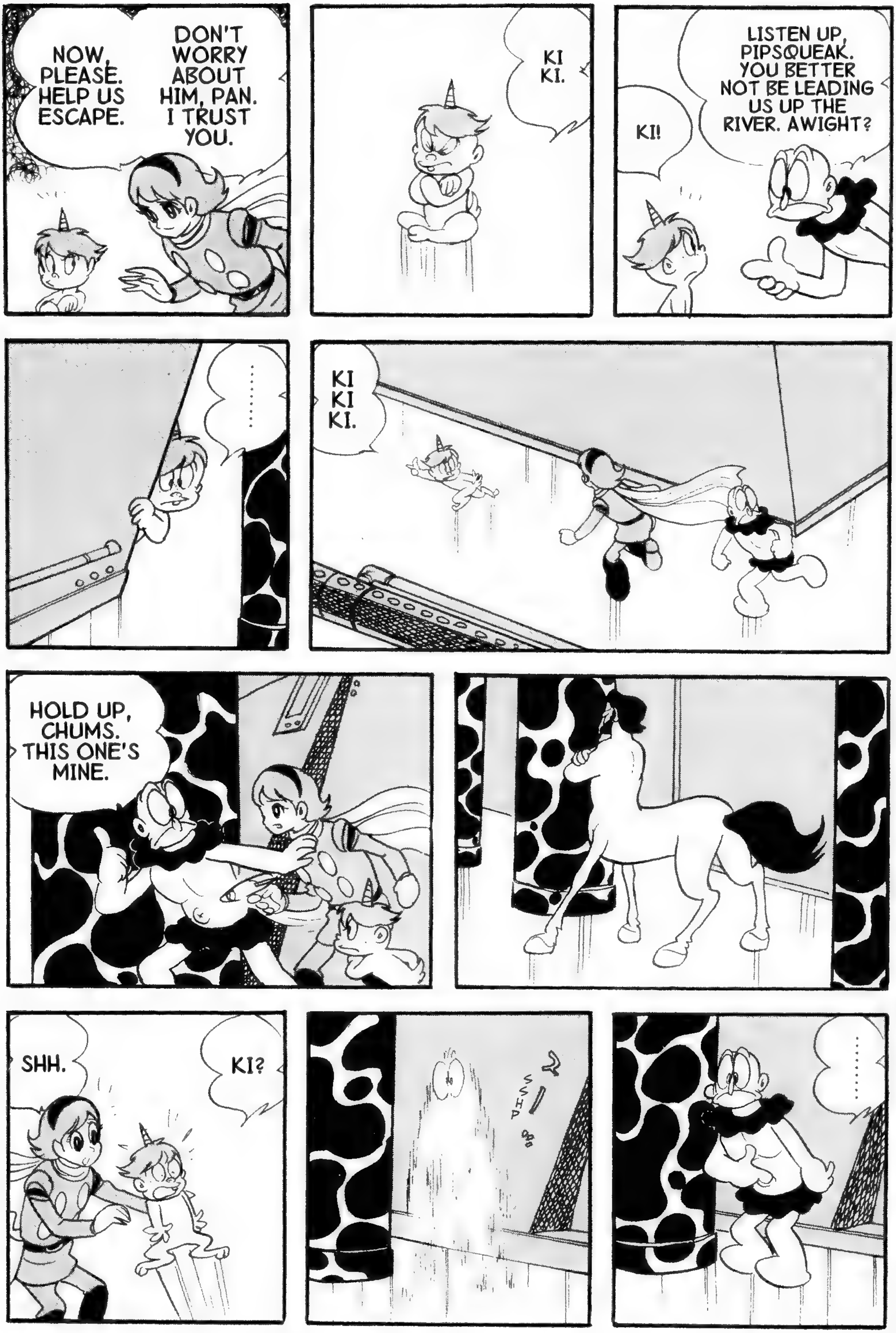
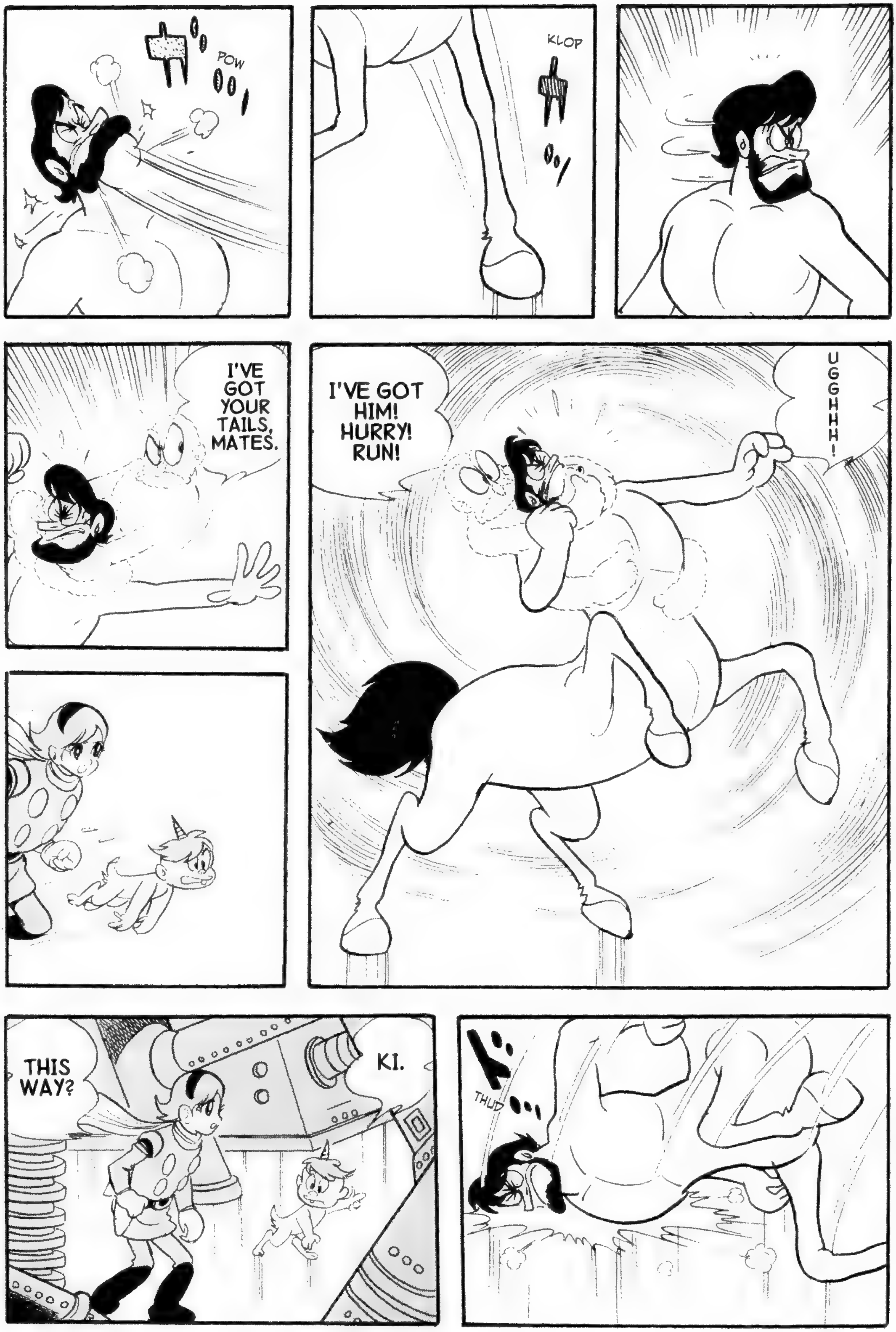
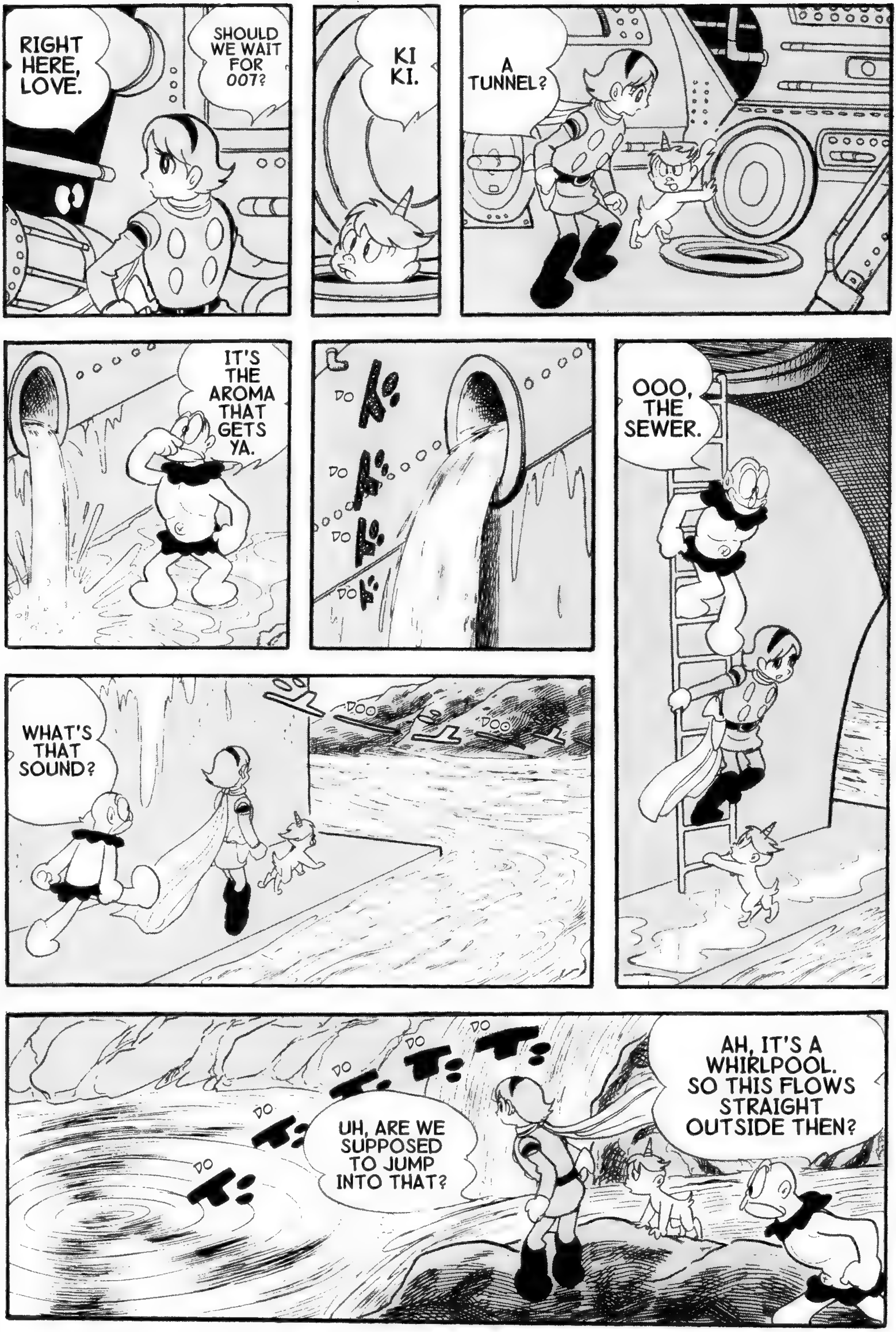
DA
DA
DA
KLAK

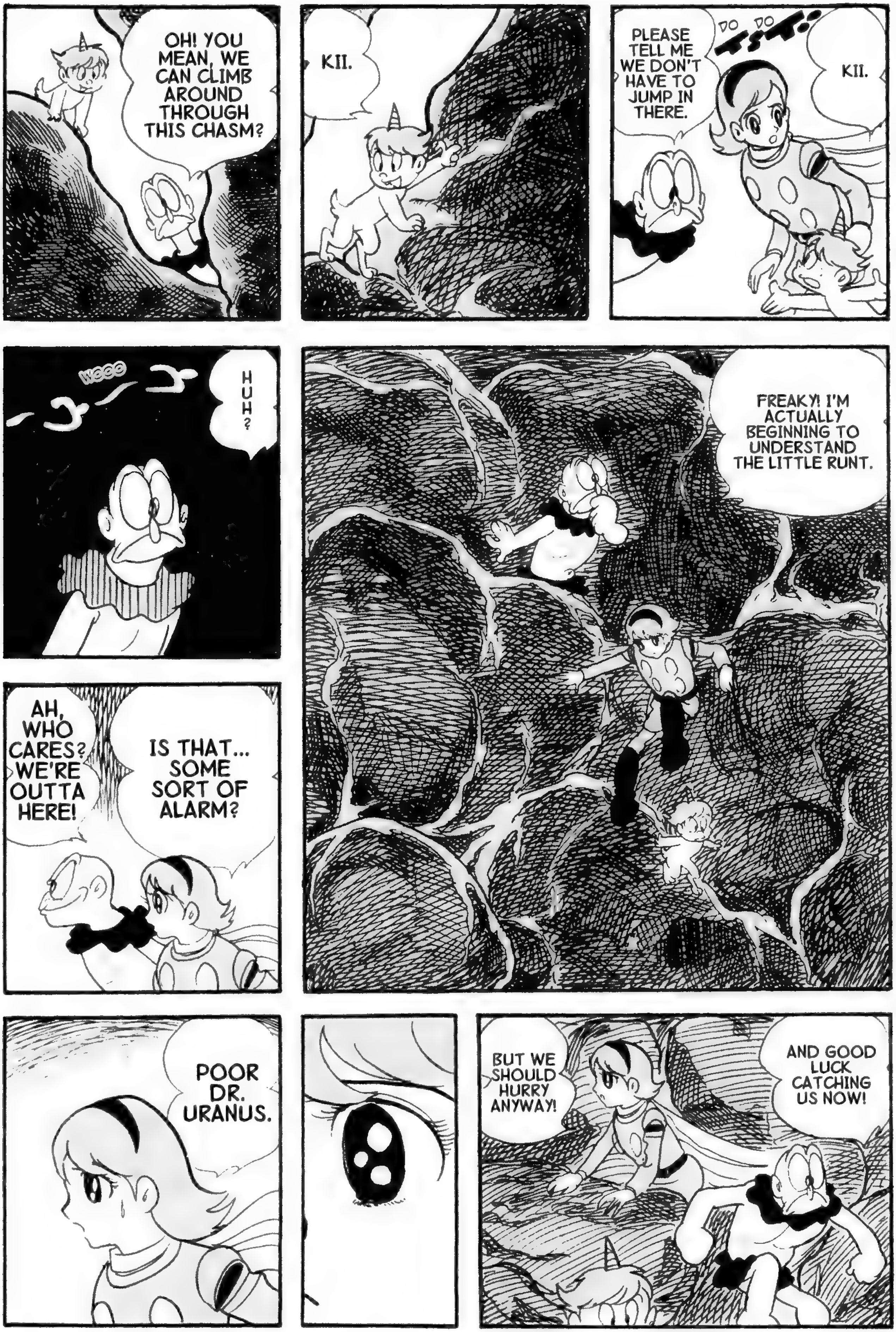

HA HA HA!
KZ-LB
CHAK
DOCTOR...
ENOUGH OF THIS FOOLISHNESS. I'LL BE BACK LATER.
Squee Squeak
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT CAN'T BE CAUGHT.
......
......
NOW, DR. URANUS ACCIDENTALLY FLIPPED THE SWITCH ON OUR CELL.
QUIET! COMMUNICATE WITHYOUR ELECTRO-WAVE TRANSMITTER.
WHAT YOU ON ABOUT?
007, NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT?

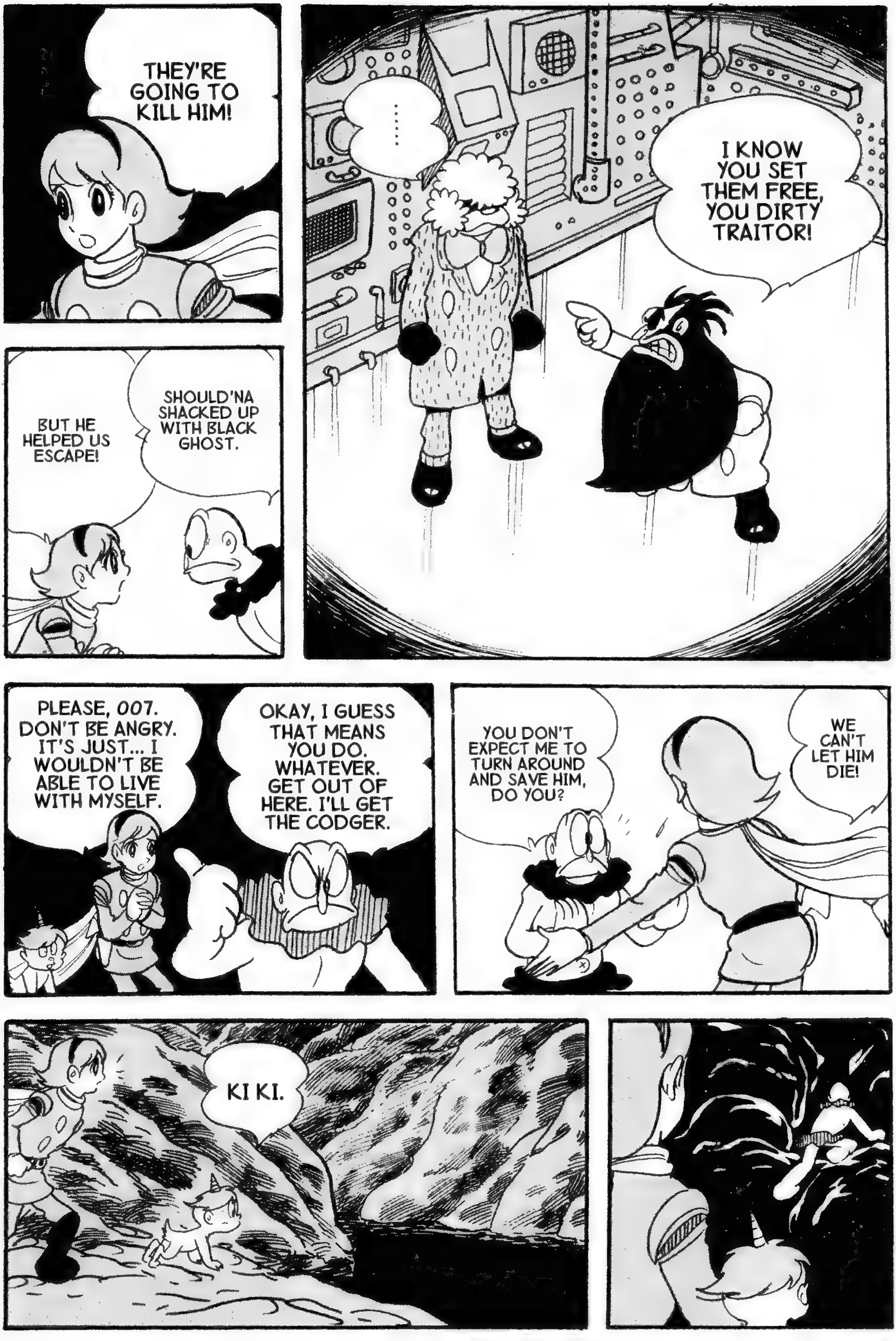

WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?
WE SHOULD HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF HERE.
NOW!
ONE SECOND... I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
DR. URANUS HELPED US ESCAPE!
DON'T BE SO GRATEFUL, PET. T'WAS AN ACCIDENT, REMEMBER.
AH, PAN.
DO YOU WANT TO COME WITH US?
KI KI KI KI.
KI KI KI.
WELL, OF COURSE YOU CAN GUIDE US.
YOU KNOW WHAT THE TIKE IS SAYING?


NOW, PLEASE. HELP US ESCAPE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM, PAN. I TRUST YOU.
KI KI.
KI!
LISTEN UP, PIPSQUEAK. YOU BETTER NOT BE LEADING US UP THE RIVER. AWIGHT?
....
KI KI KI.
HOLD UP, CHUMS. THIS ONE'S MINE.
SHH.
KI?
SSHP
....


POW
KLOP
I'VE GOT YOUR TAILS, MATES.
I'VE GOT HIM! HURRY! RUN!
UGGHHH!
THIS WAY?
KI.
THUD


RIGHT HERE, LOVE.
SHOULD WE WAIT FOR 007?
KI KI.
A TUNNEL?
IT'S THE AROMA THAT GETS YA.
DO DO DO DO
OOO, THE SEWER.
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
DOO DOO
AH, IT'S A WHIRLPOOL. SO THIS FLOWS STRAIGHT OUTSIDE THEN?
DO DO DO DO DO
UH, ARE WE SUPPOSED TO JUMP INTO THAT?


DO DO
KII.
PLEASE TELL ME WE DON'T HAVE TO JUMP IN THERE.
KII.
OH! YOU MEAN, WE CAN CLIMB AROUND THROUGH THIS CHASM?
FREAKY! I'M ACTUALLY BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THE LITTLE RUNT.
WOOO
HUH?
IS THAT... SOME SORT OF ALARM?
AH, WHO CARES? WE'RE OUTTA HERE!
AND GOOD LUCK CATCHING US NOW!
BUT WE SHOULD HURRY ANYWAY!
POOR DR. URANUS.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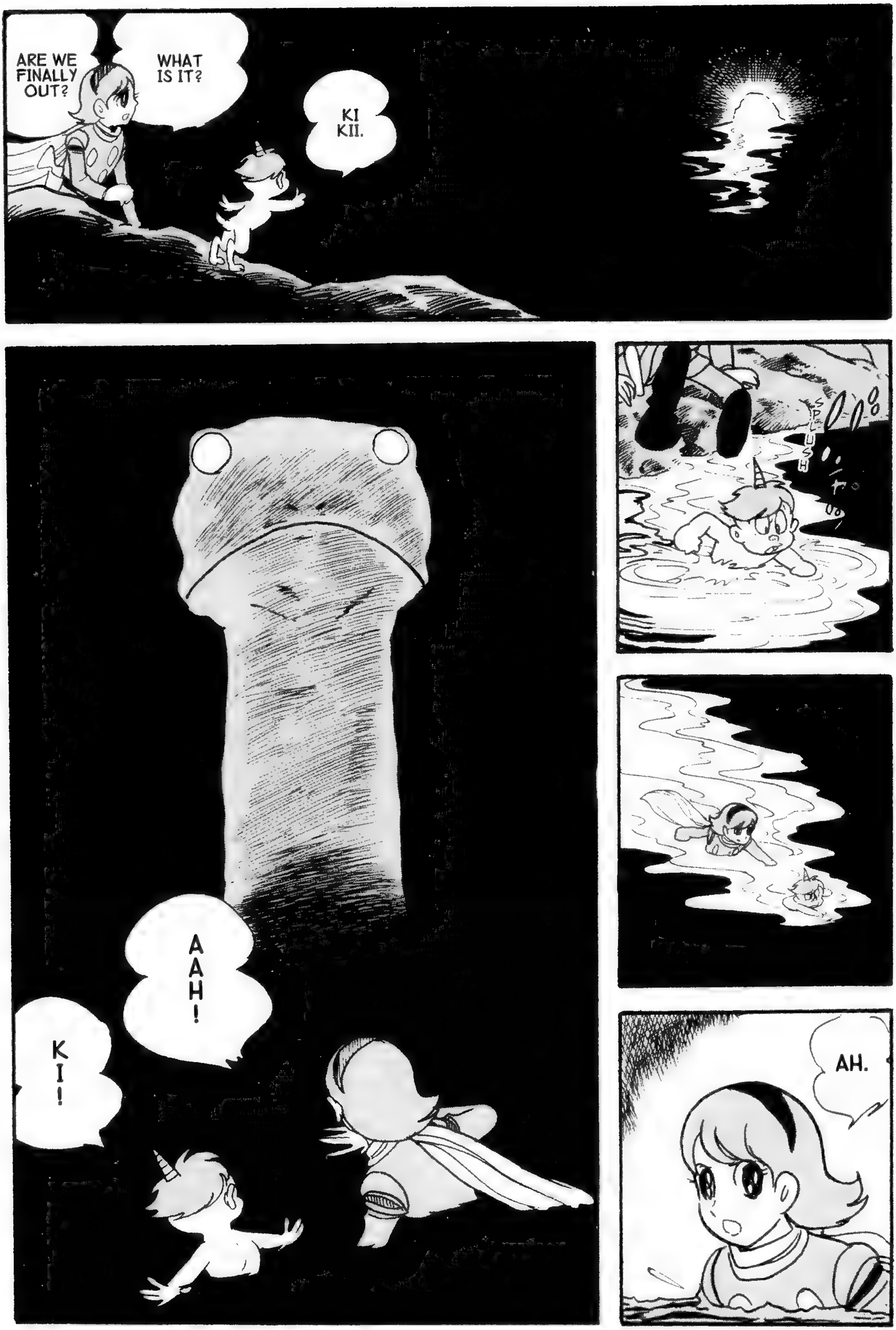
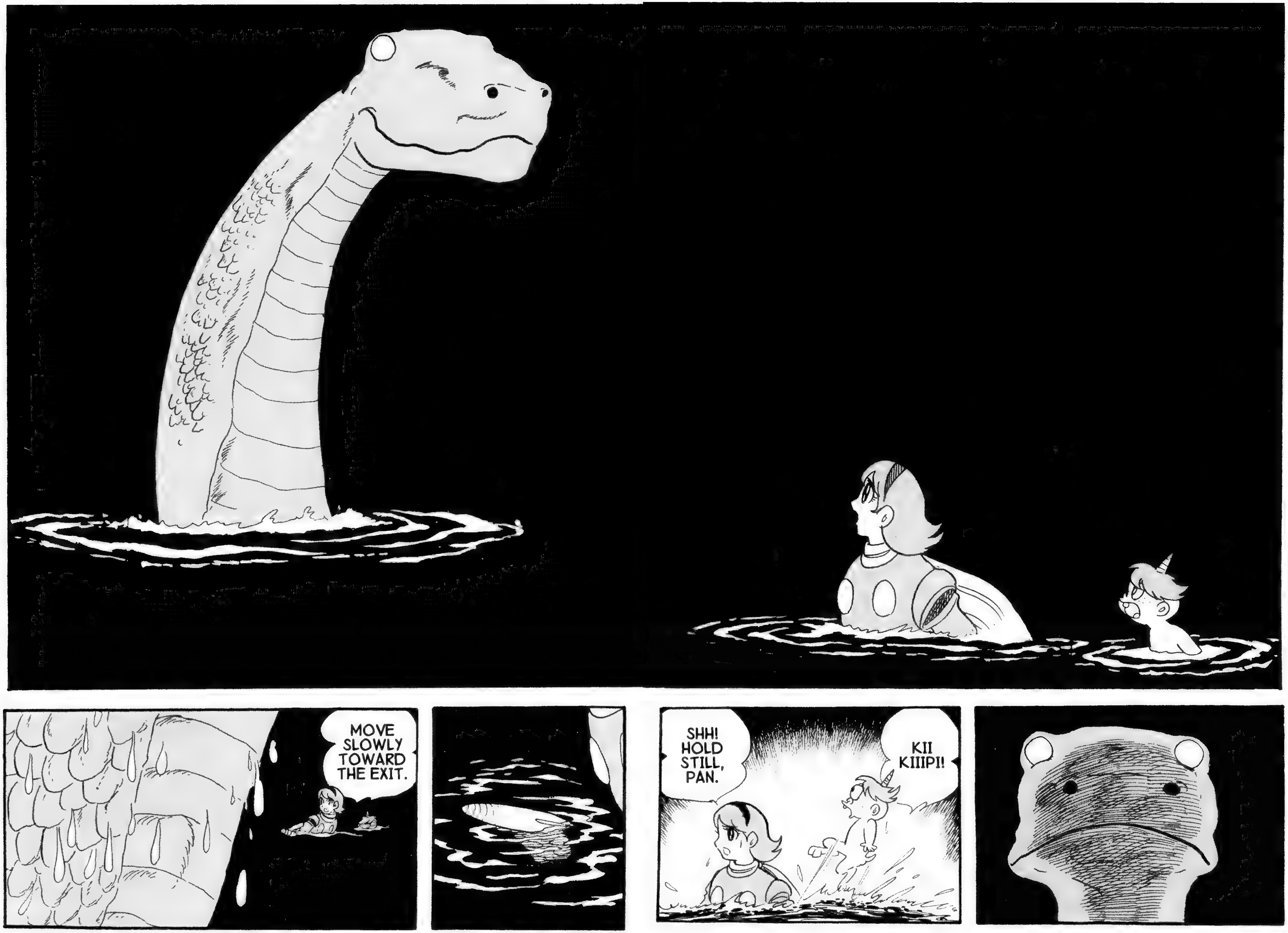
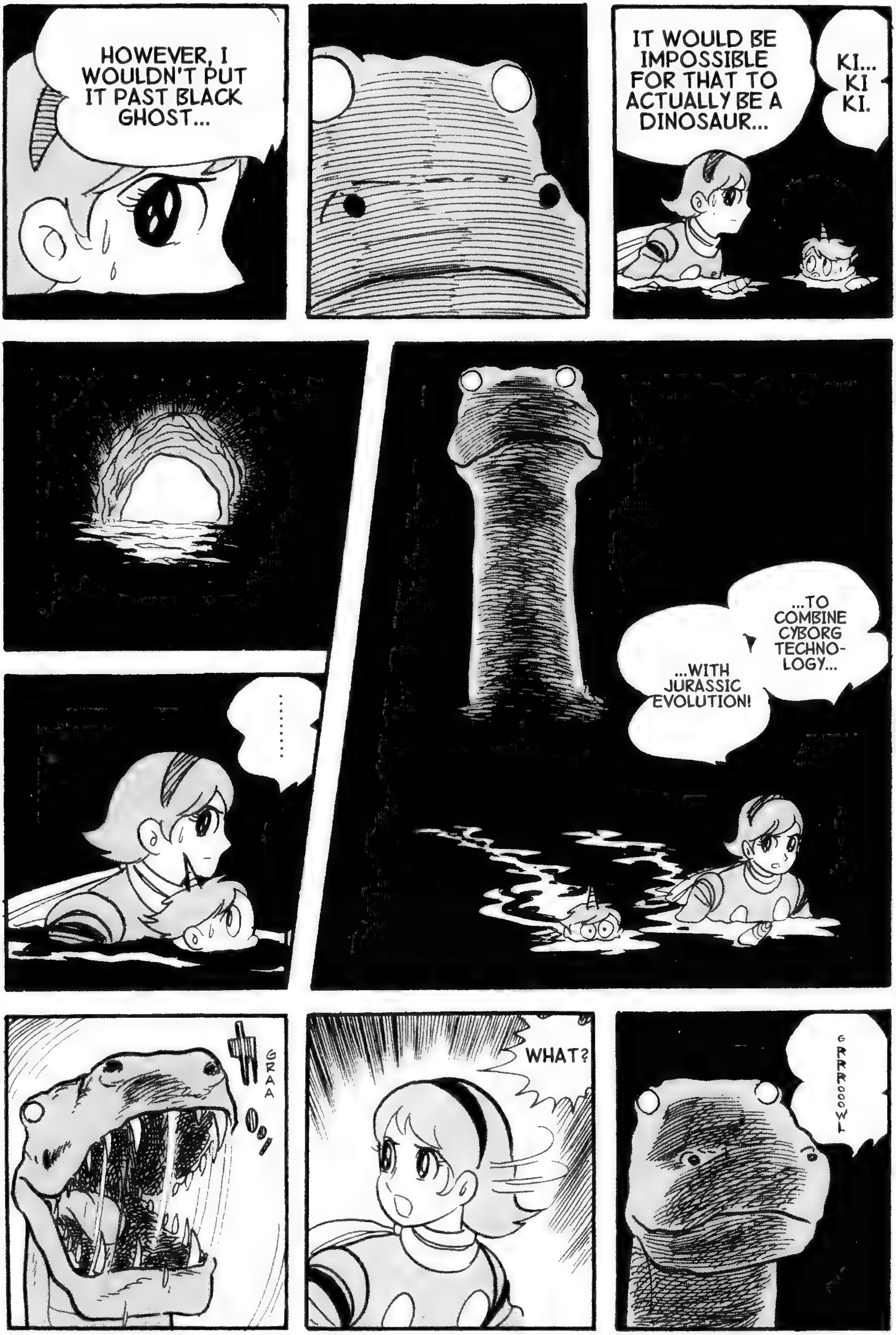
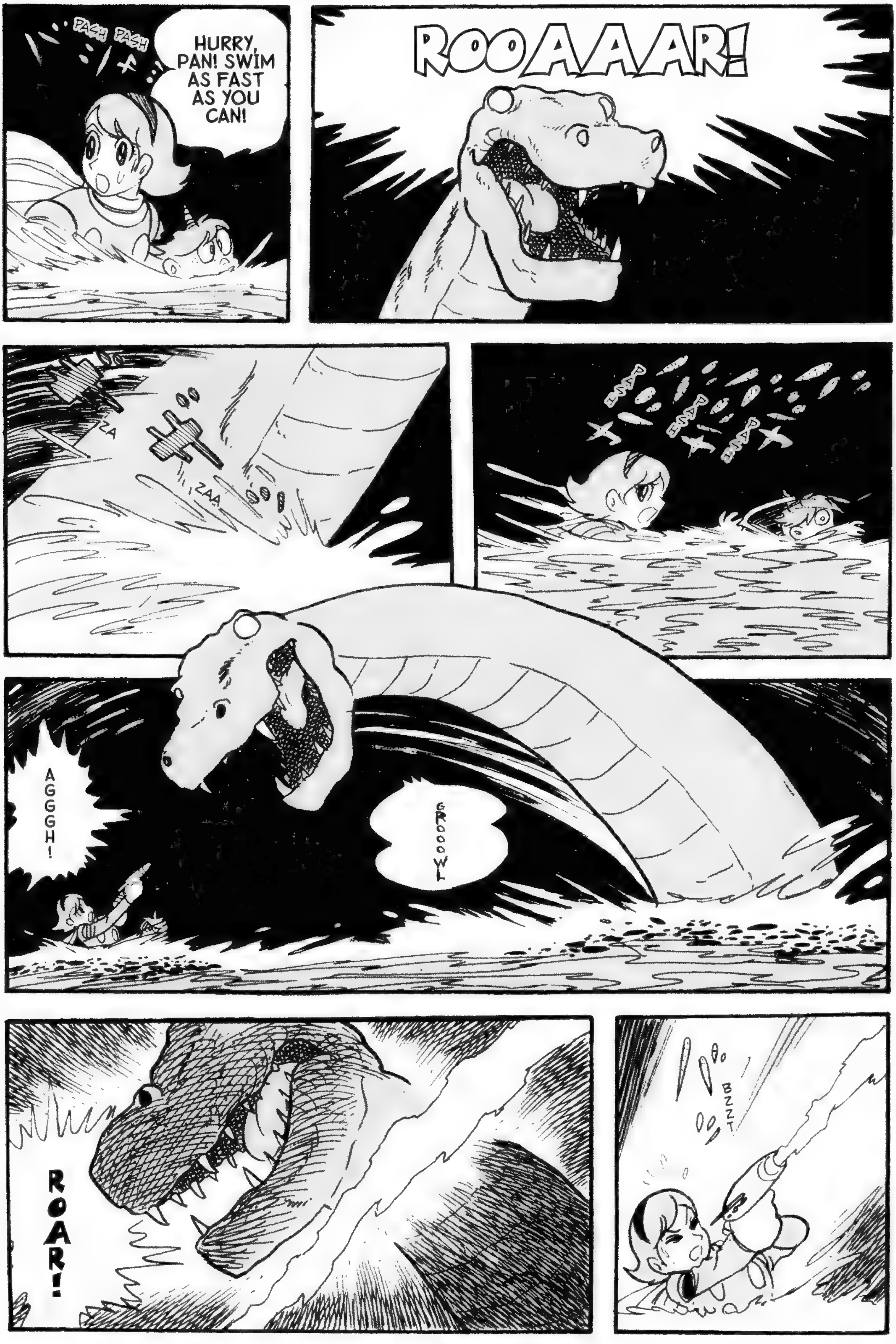
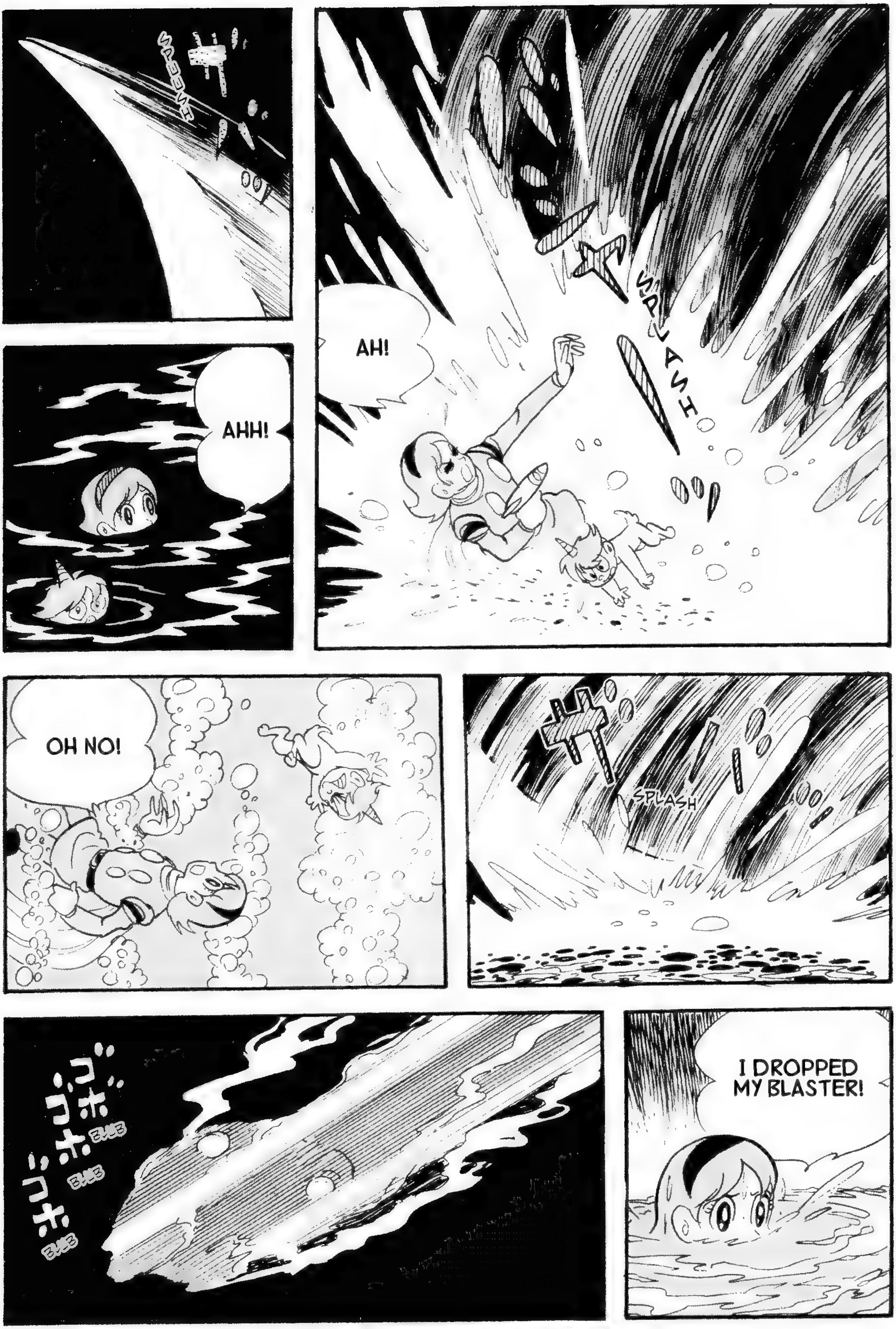
I KNOW YOU SET THEM FREE, YOU DIRTY TRAITOR!
THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HIM!
SHOULD'NA SHACKED UP WITH BLACK GHOST.
BUT HE HELPED US ESCAPE!
WE CAN'T LET HIM DIE!
YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO TURN AROUND AND SAVE HIM, DO YOU?
PLEASE, 007. DON'T BE ANGRY. IT'S JUST... I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH MYSELF.
OKAY, I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU DO. WHATEVER. GET OUT OF HERE. I'LL GET THE CODGER.
KI KI.

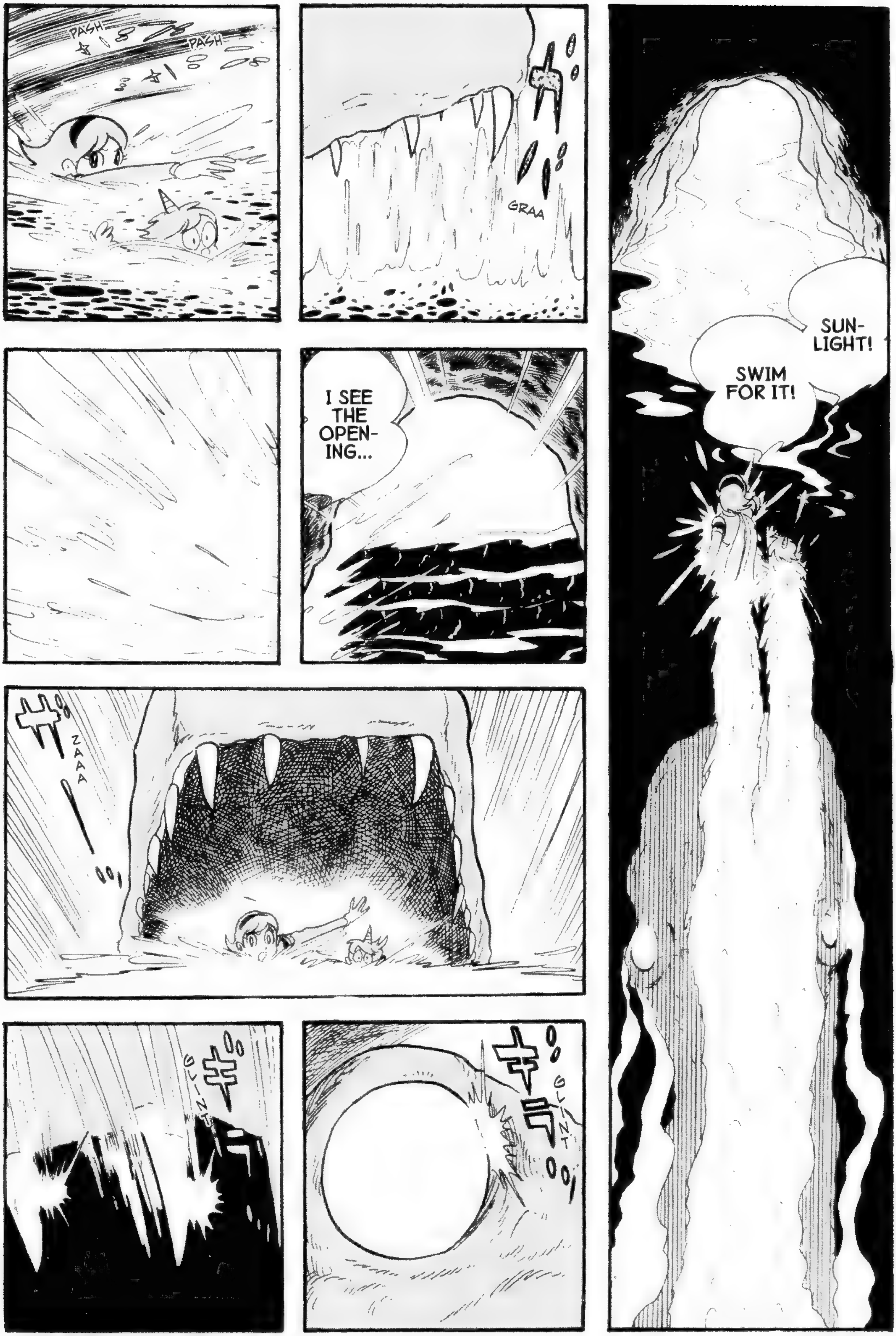

ARE WE FINALLY OUT?
WHAT IS IT?
KI KII.
AAH!
KI!
SPLUSH
AH.

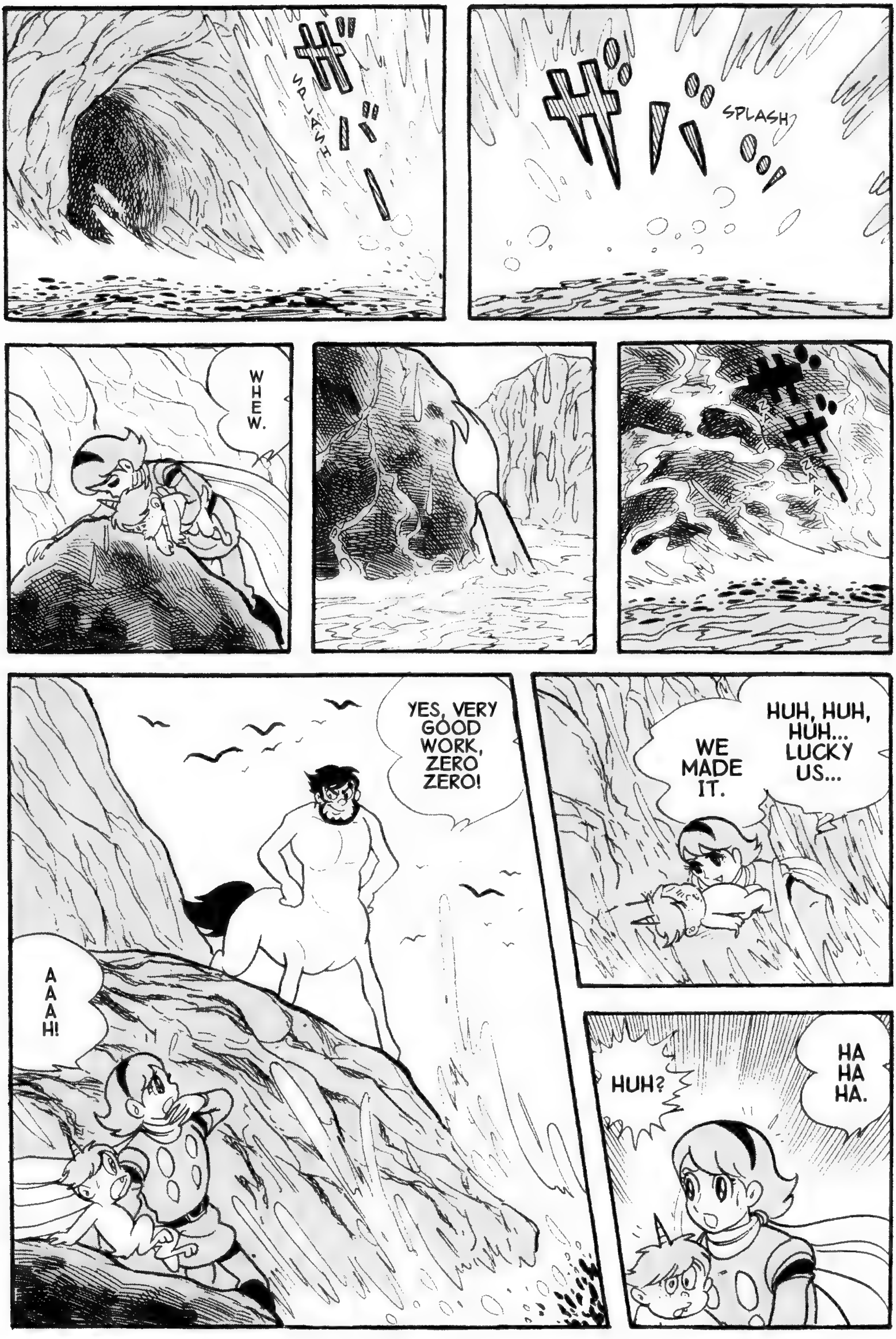

MOVE SLOWLY TOWARD THE EXIT.
SHH! HOLD STILL, PAN.
KII KIIIPI!

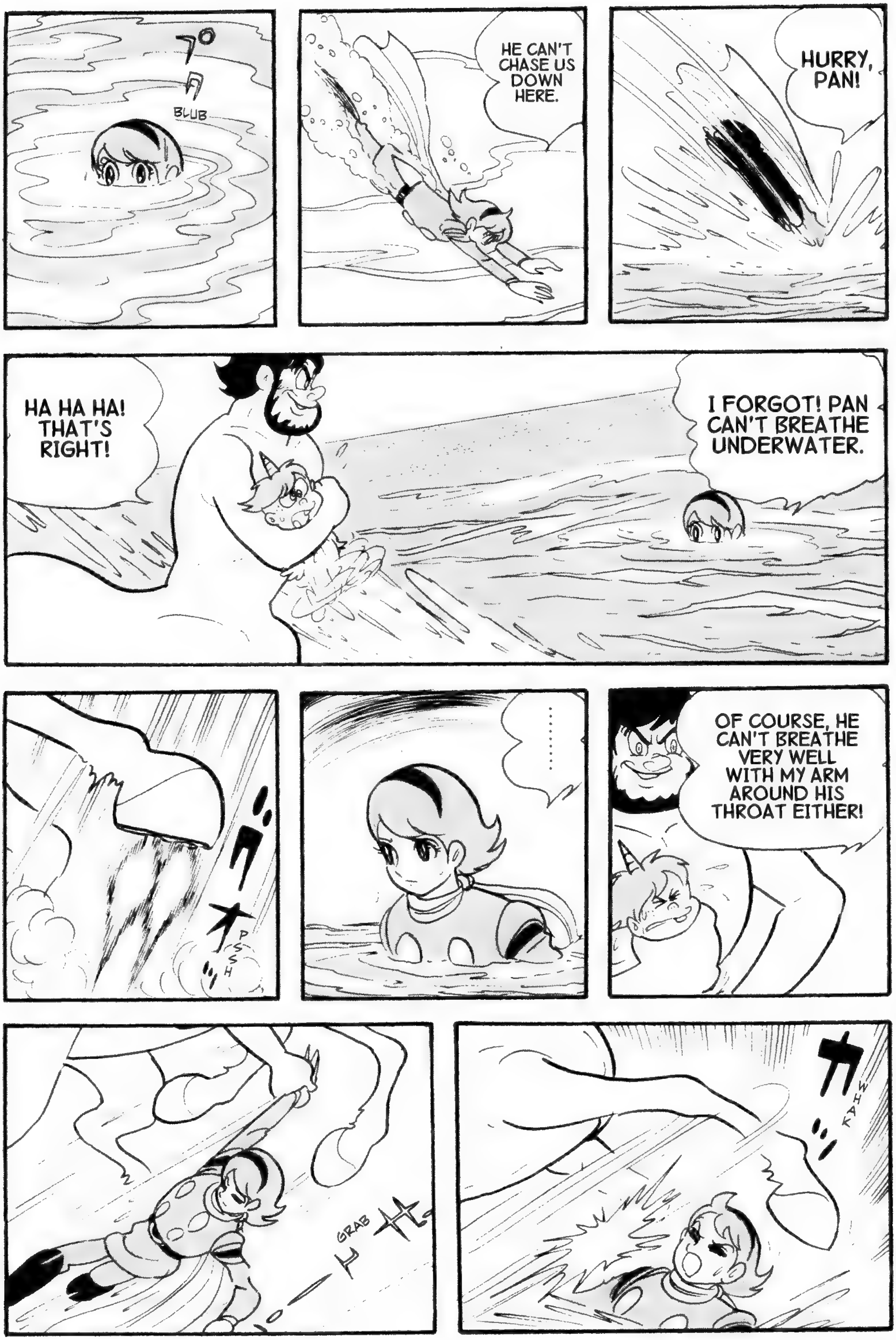

HOWEVER, I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST BLACK GHOST...
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THAT TO ACTUALLY BE A DINOSAUR...
KI... KI KI.
......
...TO COMBINE CYBORG TECHNOLOGY...
...WITH JURASSIC EVOLUTION!
GRAA
WHAT?
GRRRROOOWL

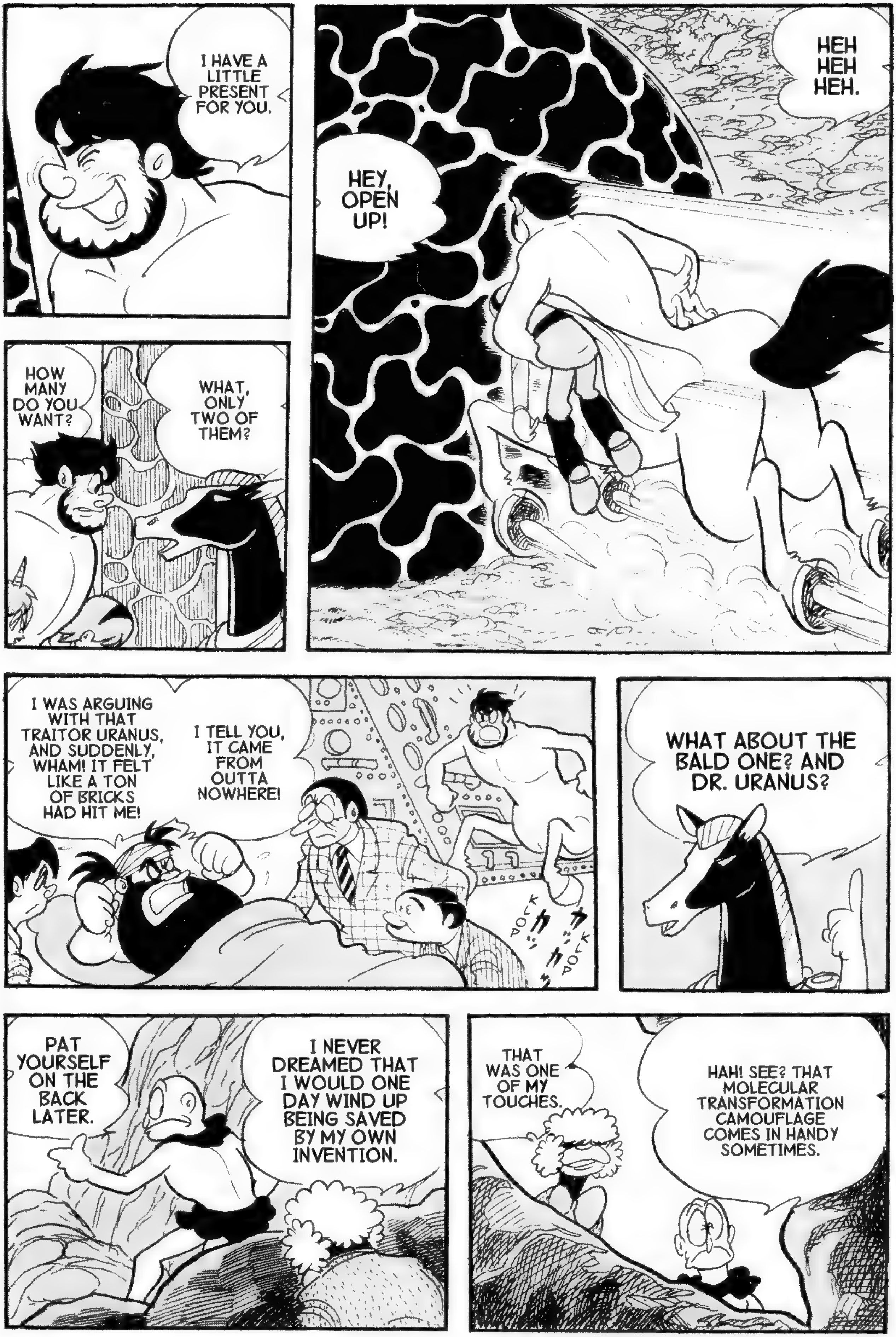

PACH PACH
HURRY, PAN! SWIM AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
ROOAAAR!
ZA
ZAA
PASH
PASH
PASH
AGGGH!
GROOOWL
ROAR!
BZZT

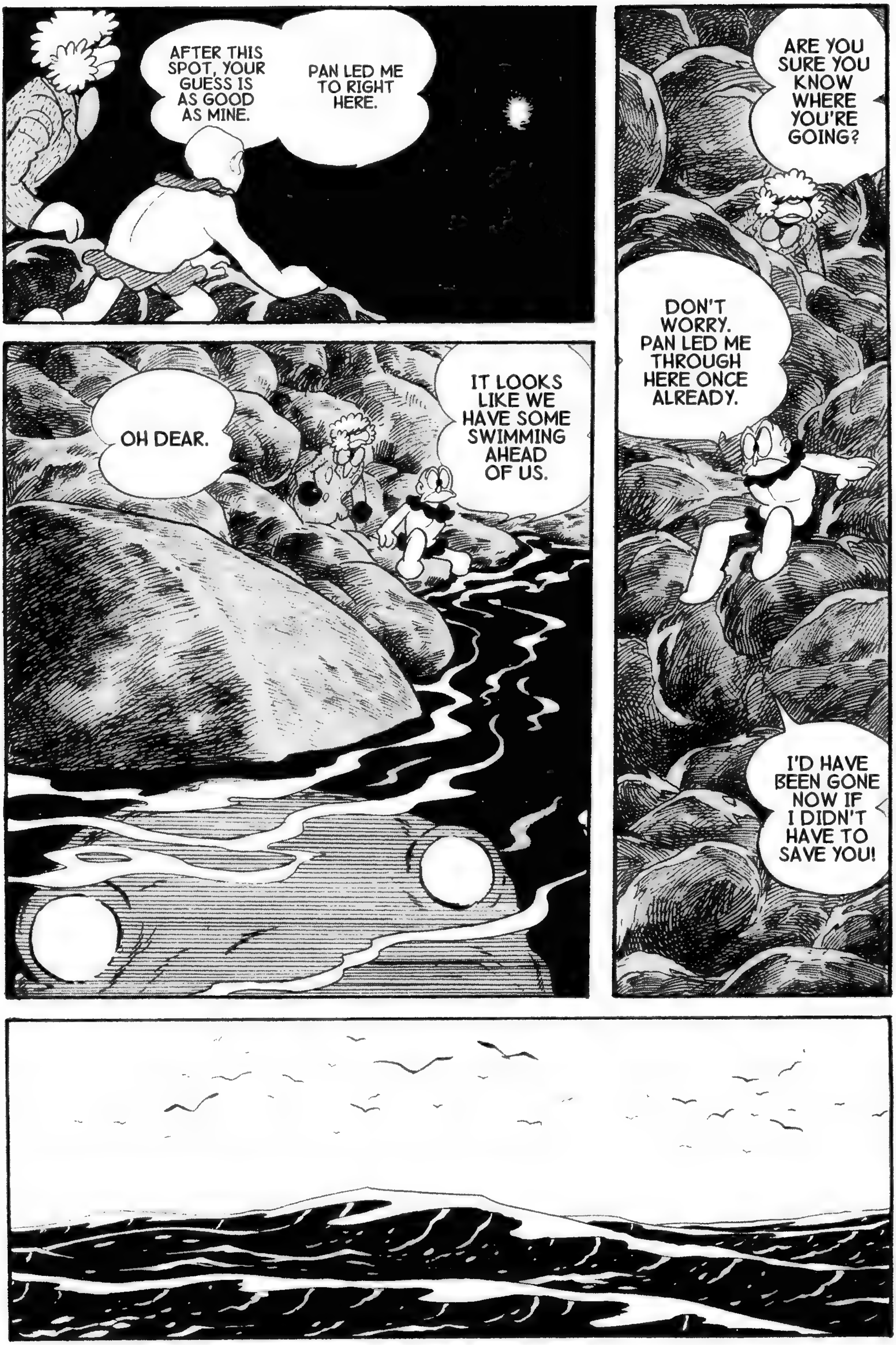

SPOOSH
AHH!
AH!
SPLASH
OH NO!
SPLASH
ゴボ BLUB
ゴボ BLUB
ゴボ BLUB
I DROPPED MY BLASTER!

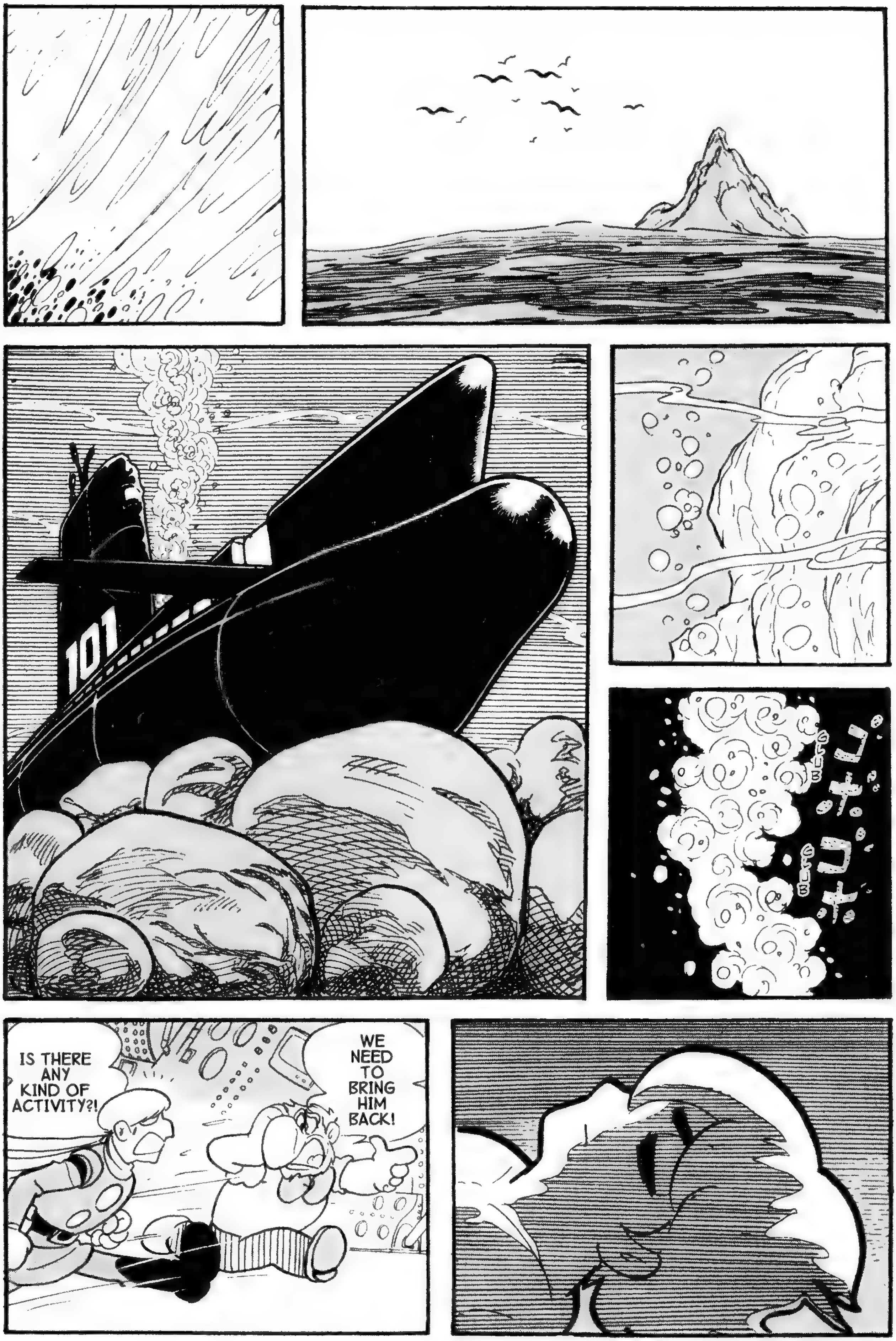

PASH
PASH
GRAA
I SEE THE OPENING...
ZAAA
GLINT
GLINT
SUN-LIGHT!
SWIM FOR IT!

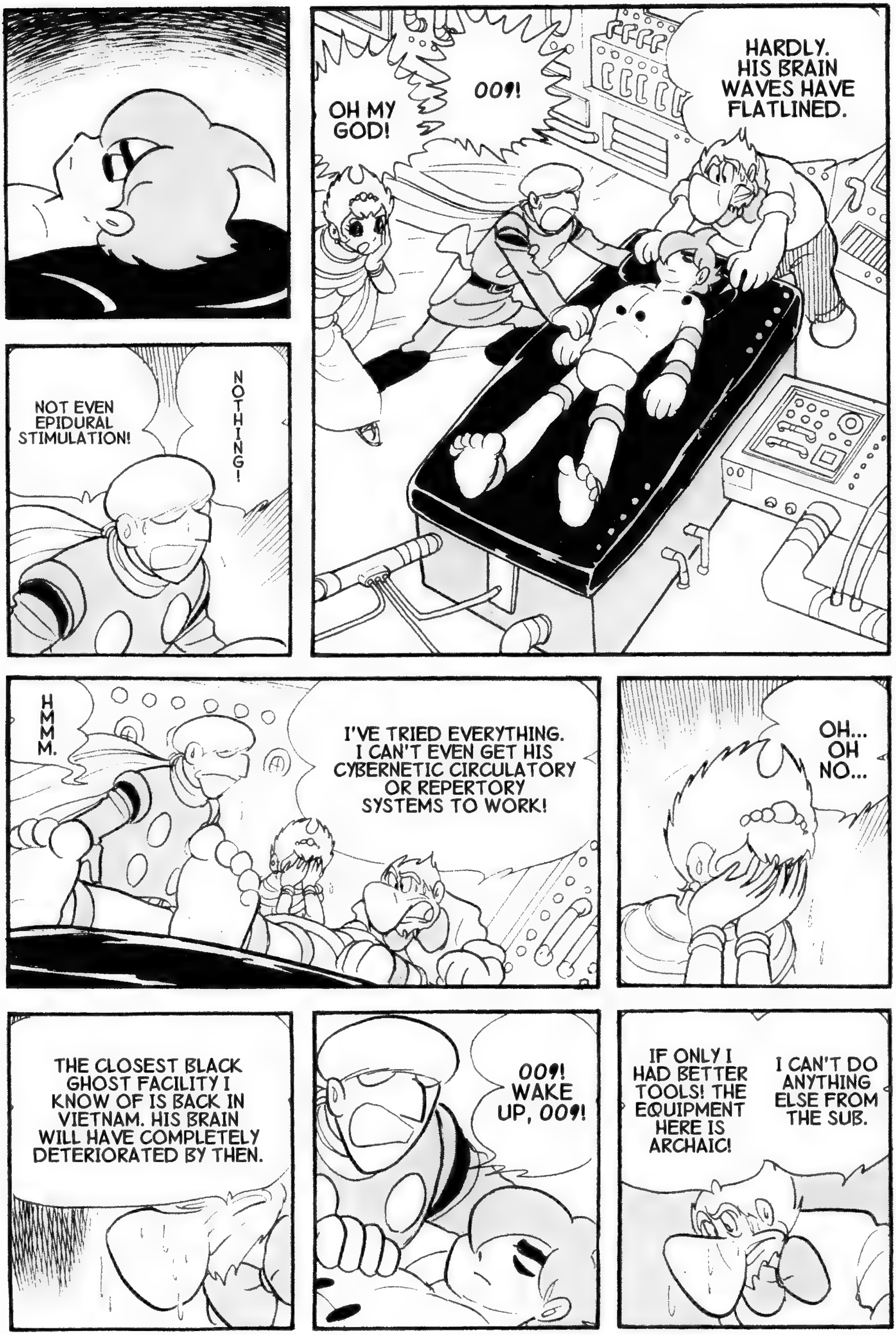

SPLASH
SPLASH
ZAAA
WHEW.
HUH, HUH, HUH... LUCKY US...
WE MADE IT.
HA HA HA.
HUH?
YES, VERY GOOD WORK, ZERO ZERO!
AAAH!

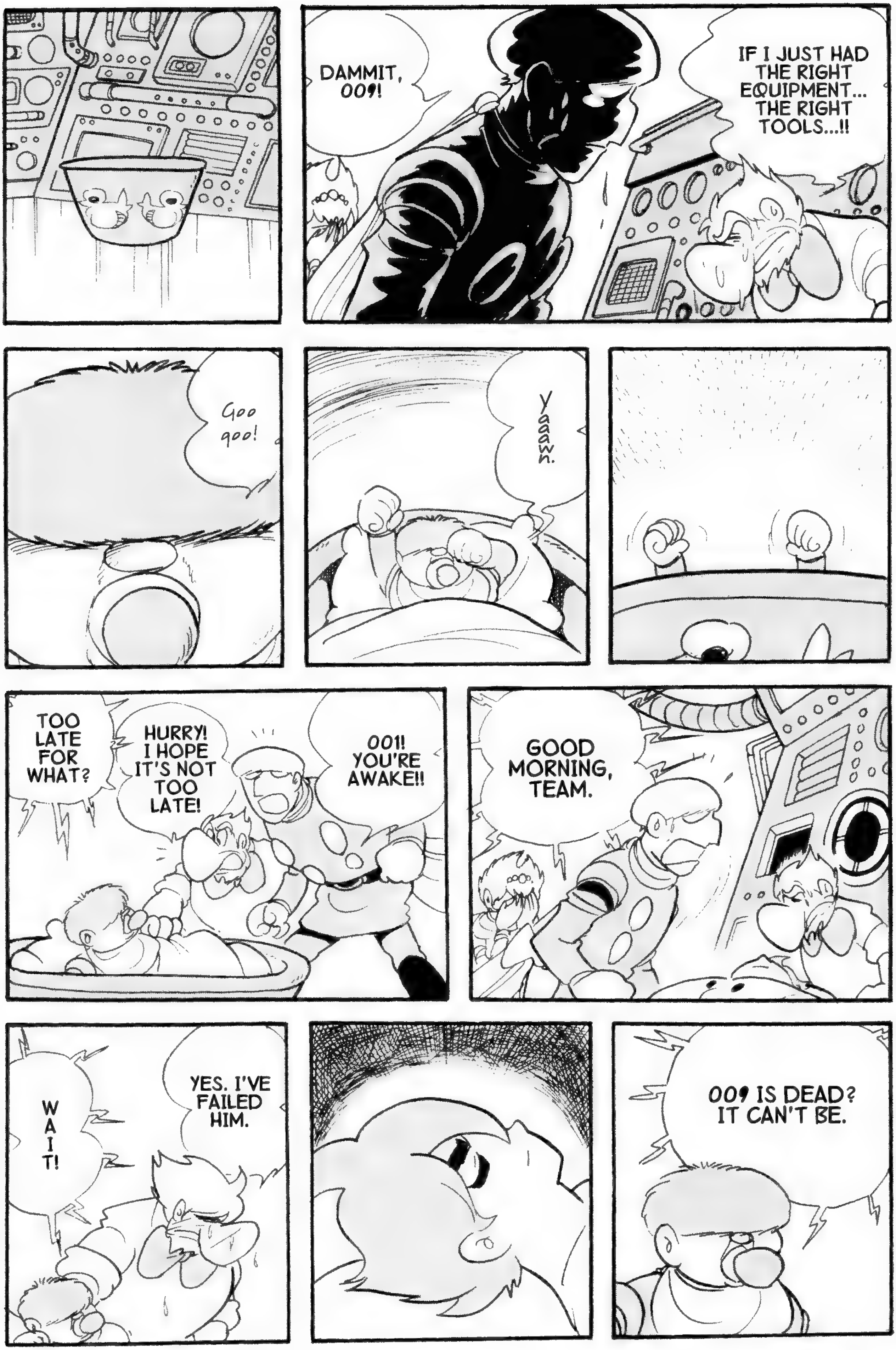

BLUB
HE CAN'T CHASE US DOWN HERE.
HURRY, PAN!
HA HA HA! THAT'S RIGHT!
I FORGOT! PAN CAN'T BREATHE UNDERWATER.
PSSH
....
OF COURSE, HE CAN'T BREATHE VERY WELL WITH MY ARM AROUND HIS THROAT EITHER!
GRAB
WHAK

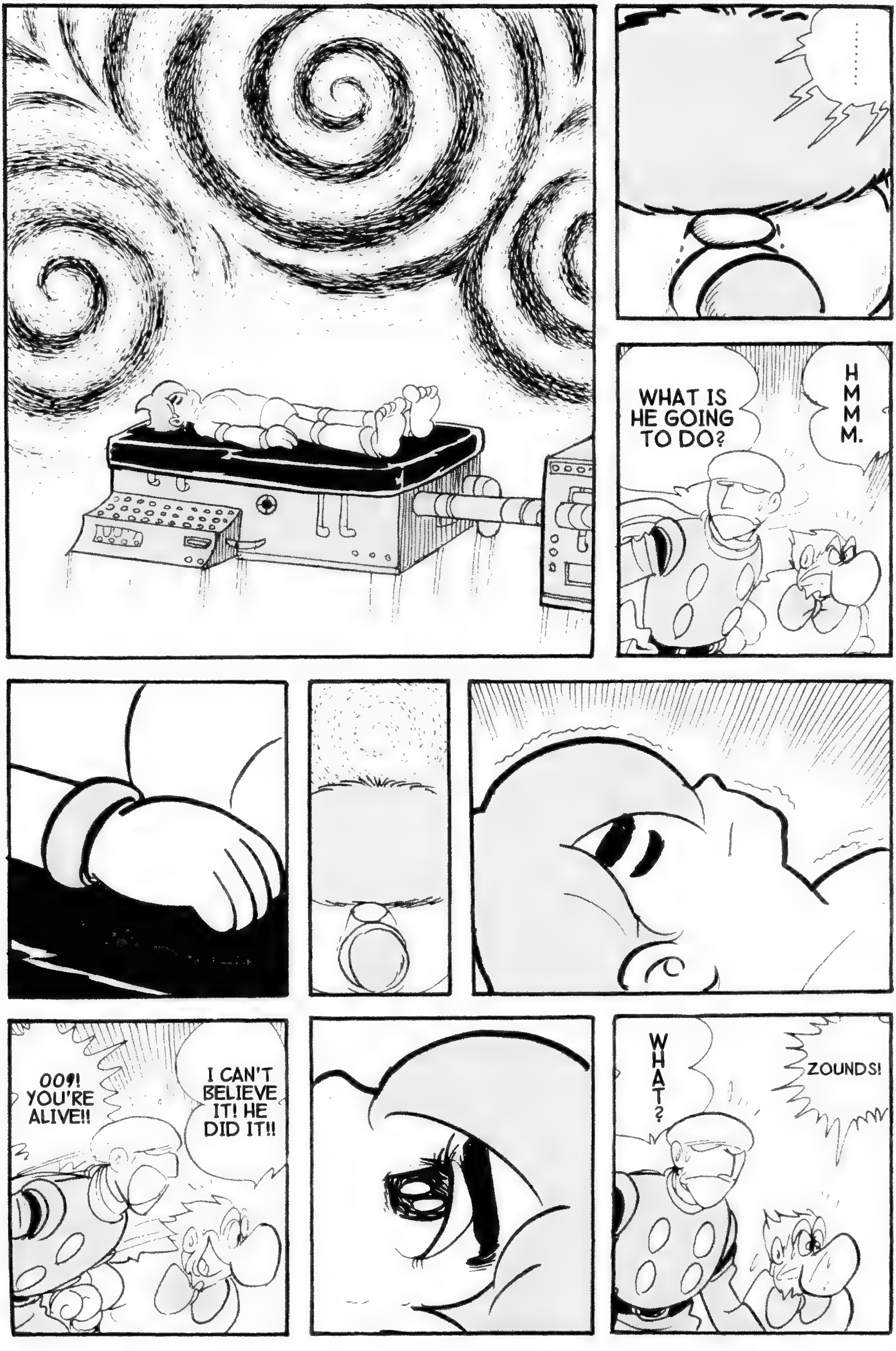

I HAVE A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YOU.
HEH HEH HEH.
HEY, OPEN UP!
HOW MANY DO YOU WANT?
WHAT, ONLY TWO OF THEM?
I WAS ARGUING WITH THAT TRAITOR URANUS, AND SUDDENLY, WHAM! IT FELT LIKE A TON OF BRICKS HAD HIT ME!
I TELL YOU, IT CAME FROM OUTTA NOWHERE!
KLOP
KLOP
WHAT ABOUT THE BALD ONE? AND DR. URANUS?
PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK LATER.
I NEVER DREAMED THAT I WOULD ONE DAY WIND UP BEING SAVED BY MY OWN INVENTION.
THAT WAS ONE OF MY TOUCHES.
HAH! SEE? THAT MOLECULAR TRANSFORMATION CAMOUFLAGE COMES IN HANDY SOMETIMES.


AFTER THIS SPOT, YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE.
PAN LED ME TO RIGHT HERE.
IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE SOME SWIMMING AHEAD OF US.
OH DEAR.
ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING?
DON'T WORRY. PAN LED ME THROUGH HERE ONCE ALREADY.
I'D HAVE BEEN GONE NOW IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO SAVE YOU!


ゴボ GLUB
ゴボ GLUB
IS THERE ANY KIND OF ACTIVITY?!
WE NEED TO BRING HIM BACK!


OH MY GOD!
009!
HARDLY. HIS BRAIN WAVES HAVE FLATLINED.
NOT EVEN EPIDURAL STIMULATION!
NOTHING!
HMMM.
I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING. I CAN'T EVEN GET HIS CYBERNETIC CIRCULATORY OR REPERTORY SYSTEMS TO WORK!
OH... OH NO...
THE CLOSEST BLACK GHOST FACILITY I KNOW OF IS BACK IN VIETNAM. HIS BRAIN WILL HAVE COMPLETELY DETERIORATED BY THEN.
009! WAKE UP, 009!
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE FROM THE SUB.
IF ONLY I HAD BETTER TOOLS! THE EQUIPMENT HERE IS ARCHAIC!


IF I JUST HAD THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT... THE RIGHT TOOLS...!!
DAMMIT, 009!
Yaaawn.
Goo goo!
GOOD MORNING, TEAM.
001! YOU'RE AWAKE!!
HURRY! I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
TOO LATE FOR WHAT?
009 IS DEAD? IT CAN'T BE.
YES. I'VE FAILED HIM.
WAIT!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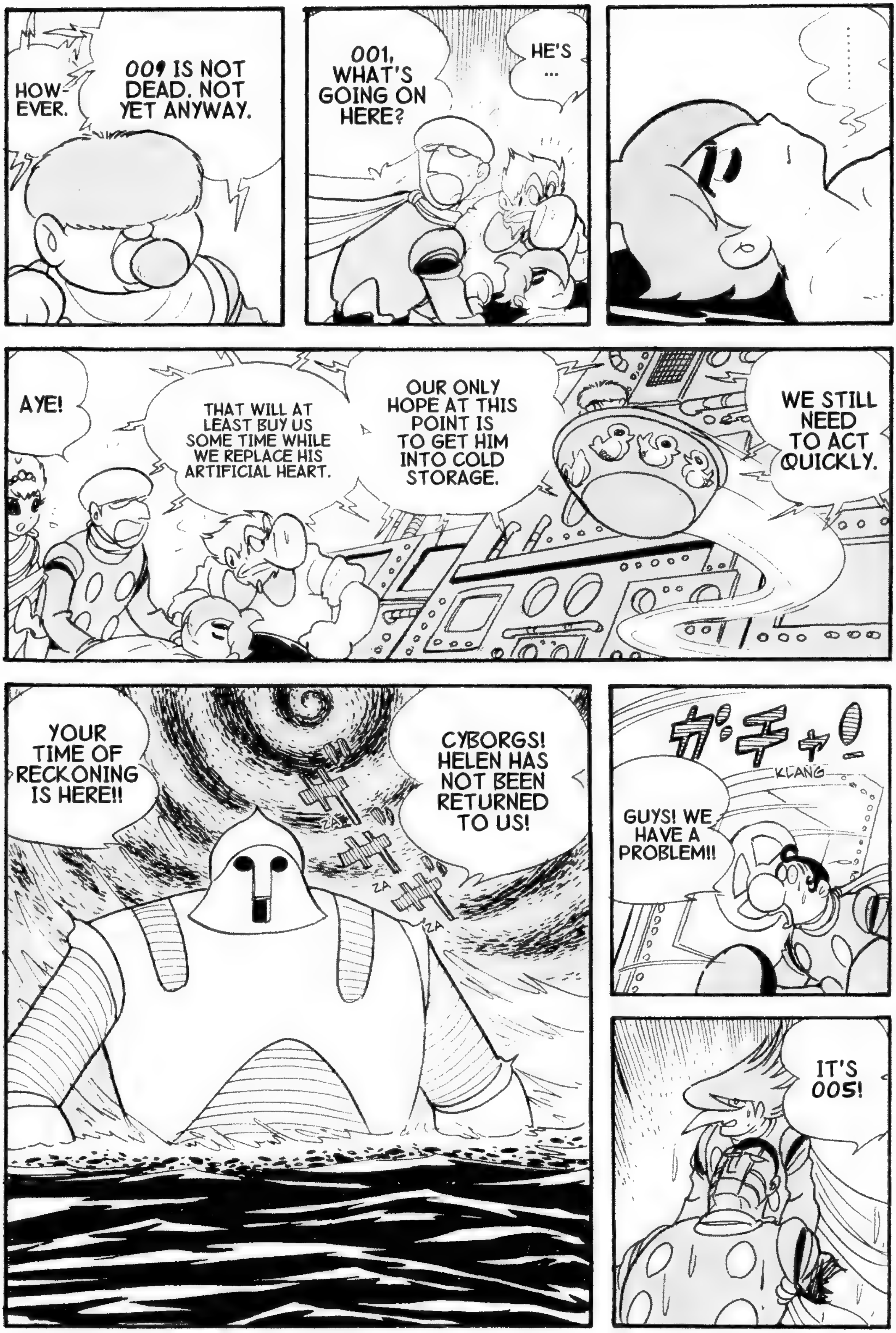
WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO?
HMMM.
009! YOU'RE ALIVE!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE DID IT!!
WHAT?
ZOUNDS!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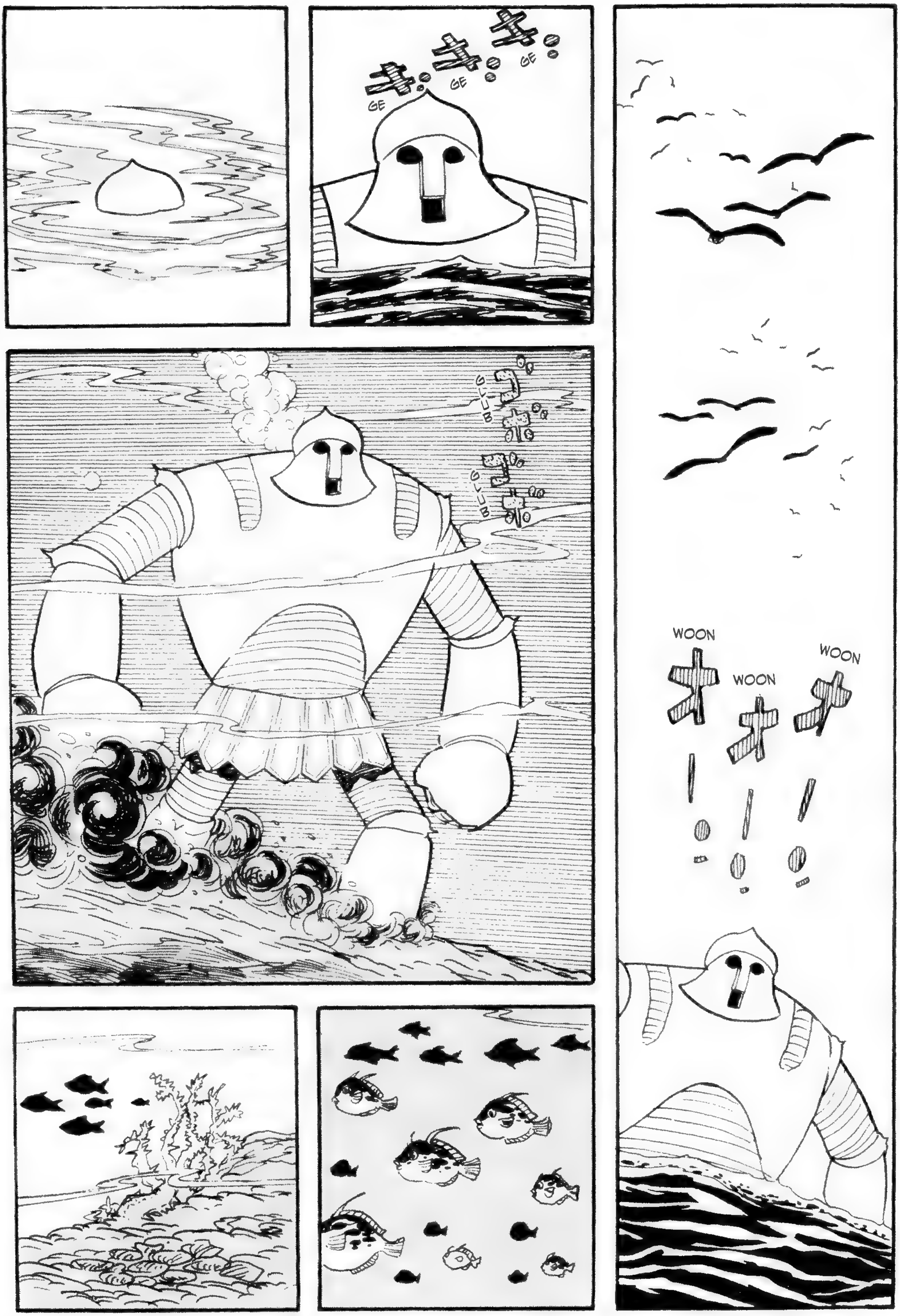
HE'S ...
001, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
009 IS NOT DEAD. NOT YET ANYWAY.
HOWEVER.
WE STILL NEED TO ACT QUICKLY.
OUR ONLY HOPE AT THIS POINT IS TO GET HIM INTO COLD STORAGE.
THAT WILL AT LEAST BUY US SOME TIME WHILE WE REPLACE HIS ARTIFICIAL HEART.
AYE!
ガチャ!
KLANG
GUYS! WE HAVE A PROBLEM!!
IT'S 005!
CYBORGS! HELEN HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED TO US!
ZA
ZA
ZA
YOUR TIME OF RECKONING IS HERE!!


WOON WOON WOON
オォォ!!!
GE GE GE
キ。キ。キ。
GLUB GLUB
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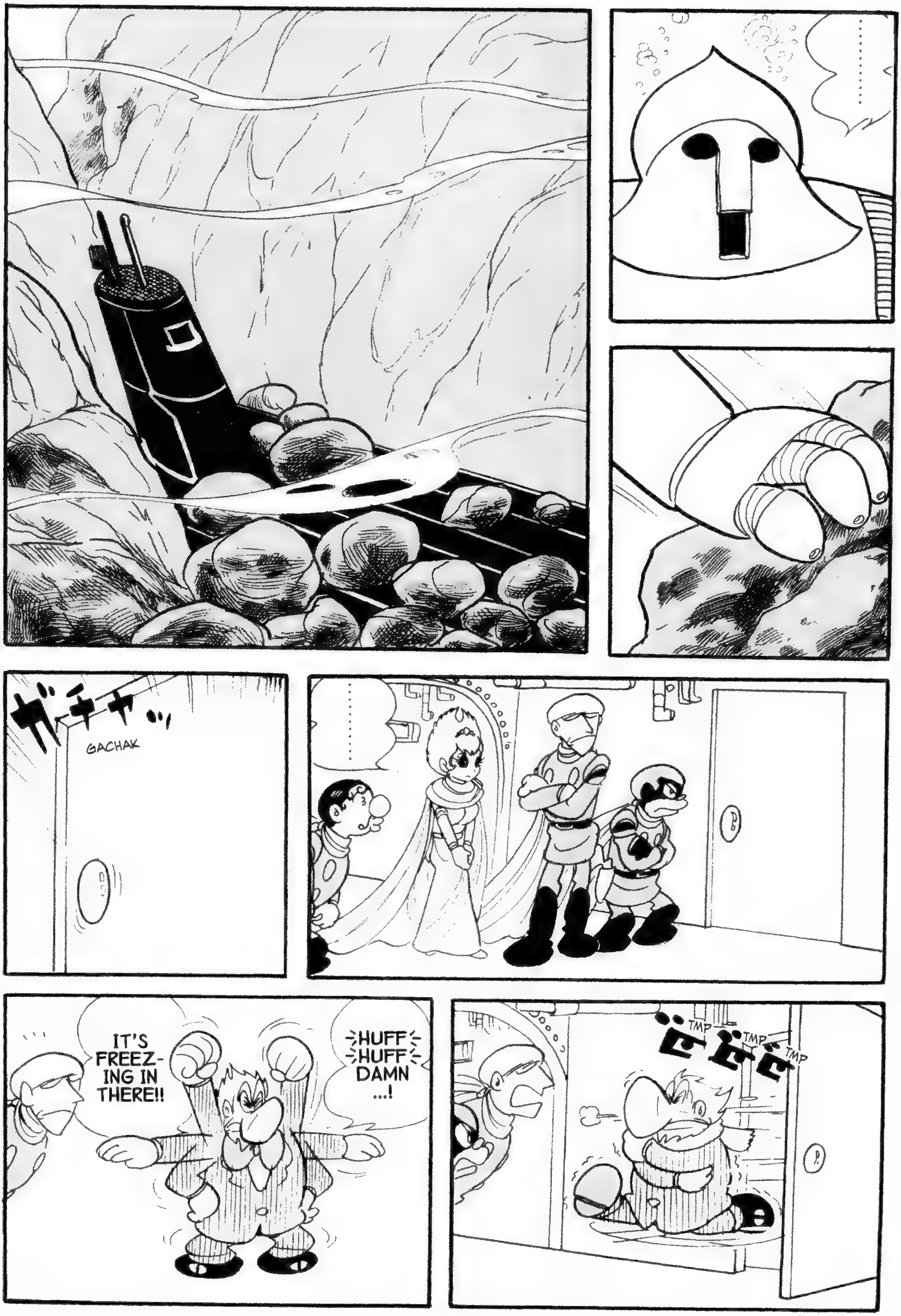
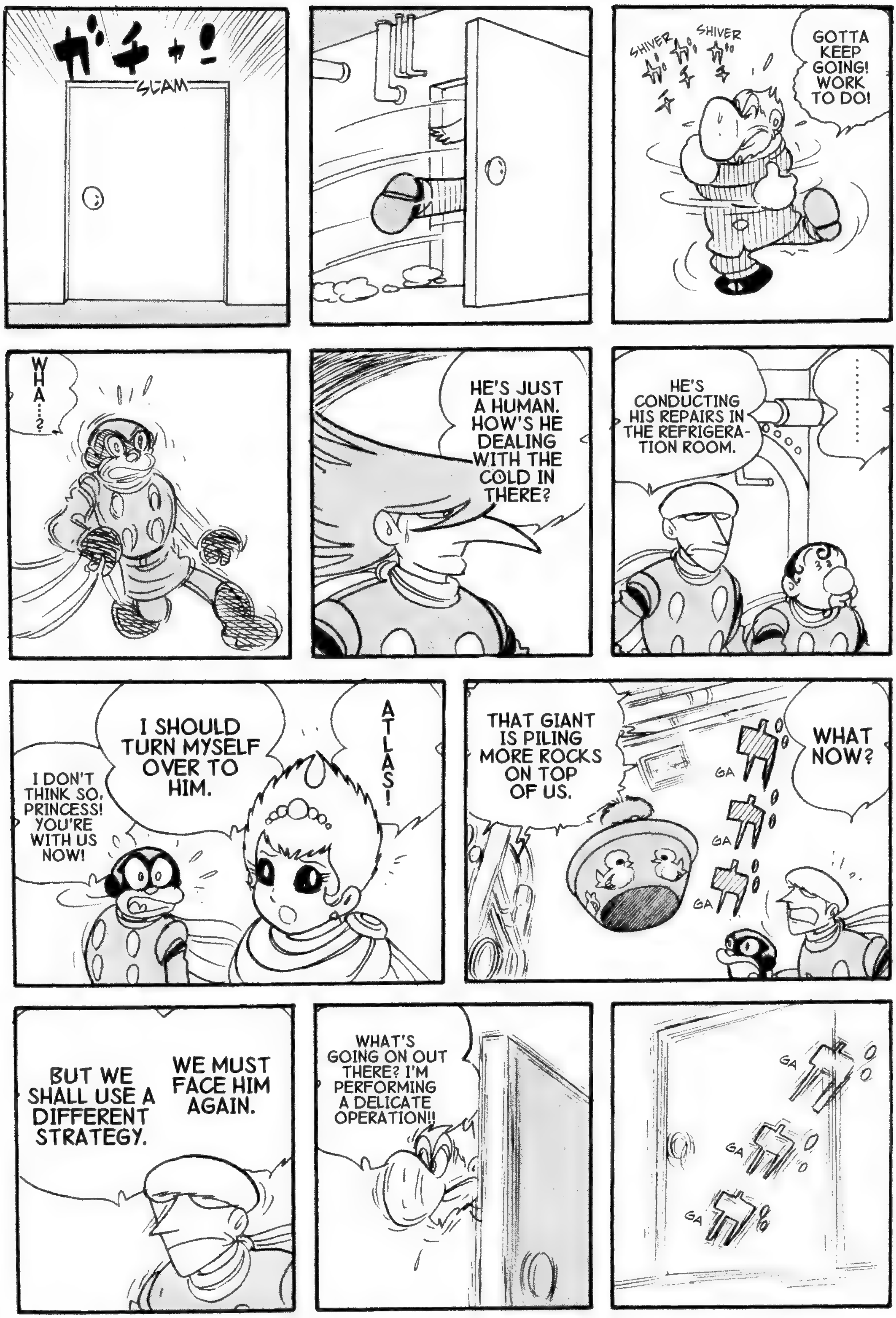
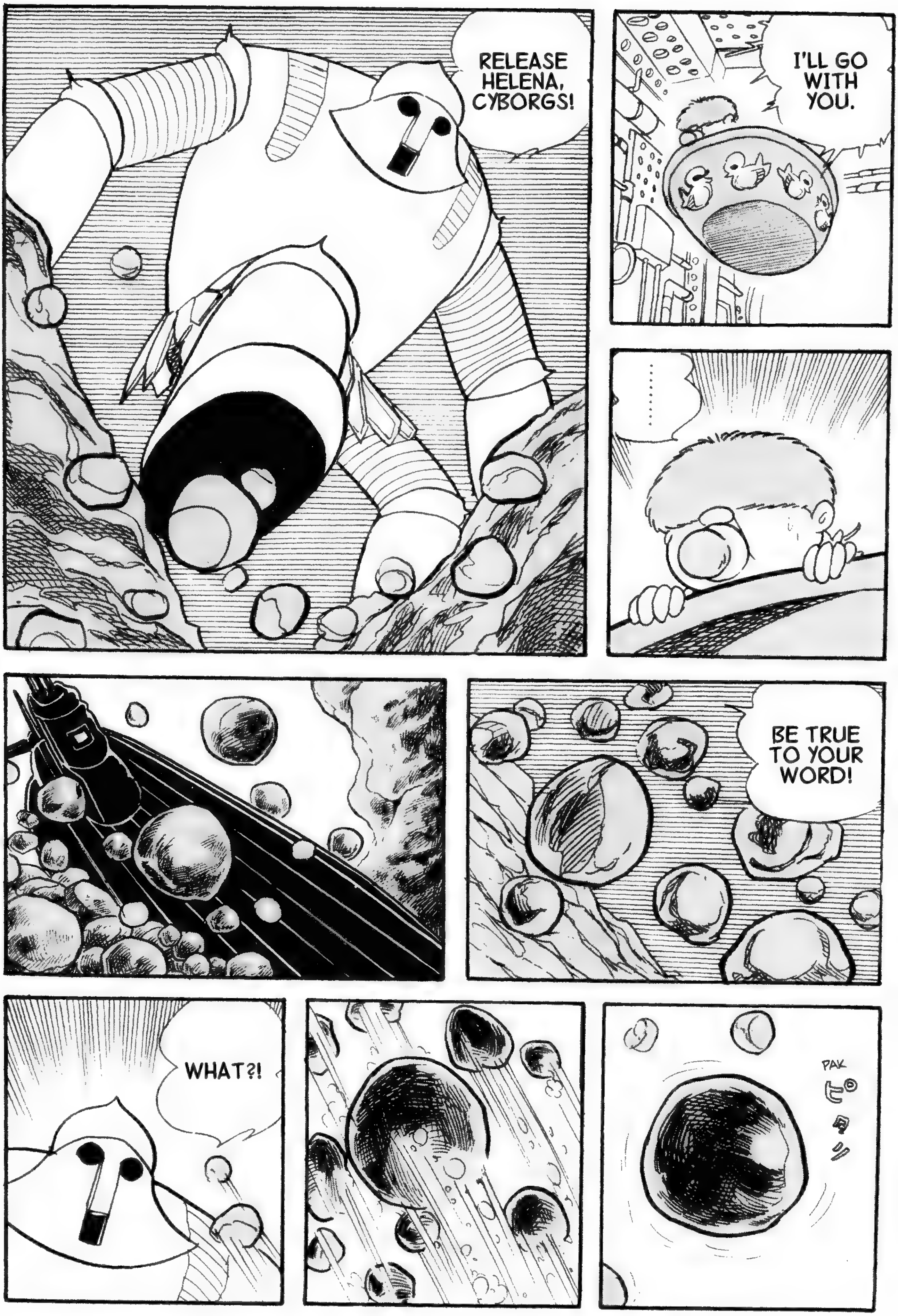

ガチャッ
GACHAK
ドドド
TMP TMP TMP
-HUFF- -HUFF- DAMN ...!
IT'S FREEZING IN THERE!!

SHIVER SHIVER
ガチ ガチ ガチ
GOTTA KEEP GOING! WORK TO DO!
ガチャ!
SLAM
……
HE'S CONDUCTING HIS REPAIRS IN THE REFRIGERATION ROOM.
HE'S JUST A HUMAN. HOW'S HE DEALING WITH THE COLD IN THERE?
WHA…?
WHAT NOW?
GA GA GA
THAT GIANT IS PILING MORE ROCKS ON TOP OF US.
ATLAS!
I SHOULD TURN MYSELF OVER TO HIM.
I DON'T THINK SO, PRINCESS! YOU'RE WITH US NOW!
GA GA GA
WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE? I'M PERFORMING A DELICATE OPERATION!!
WE MUST FACE HIM AGAIN.
BUT WE SHALL USE A DIFFERENT STRATEGY.


RELEASE HELENA, CYBORGS!
I'LL GO WITH YOU.
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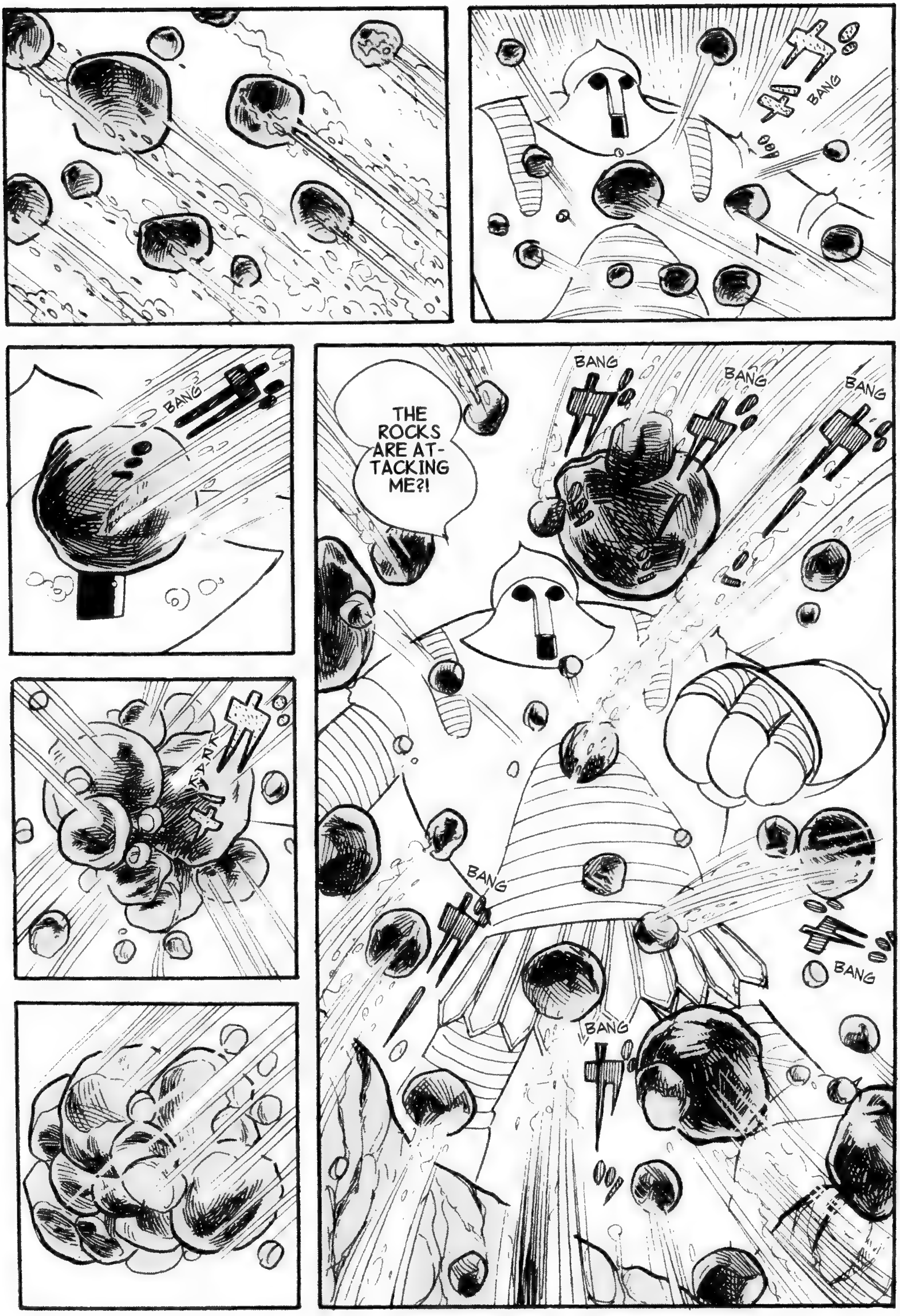
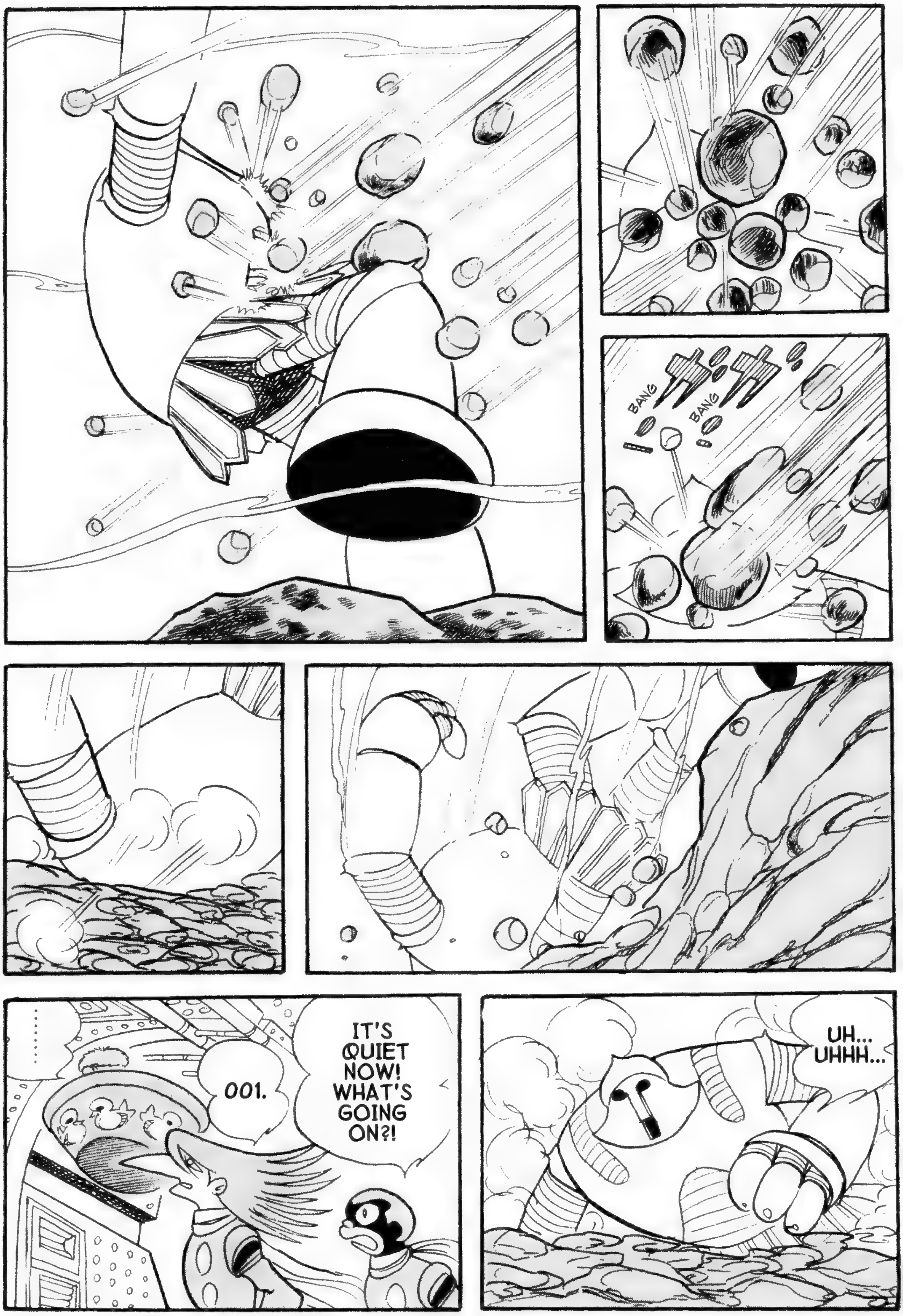
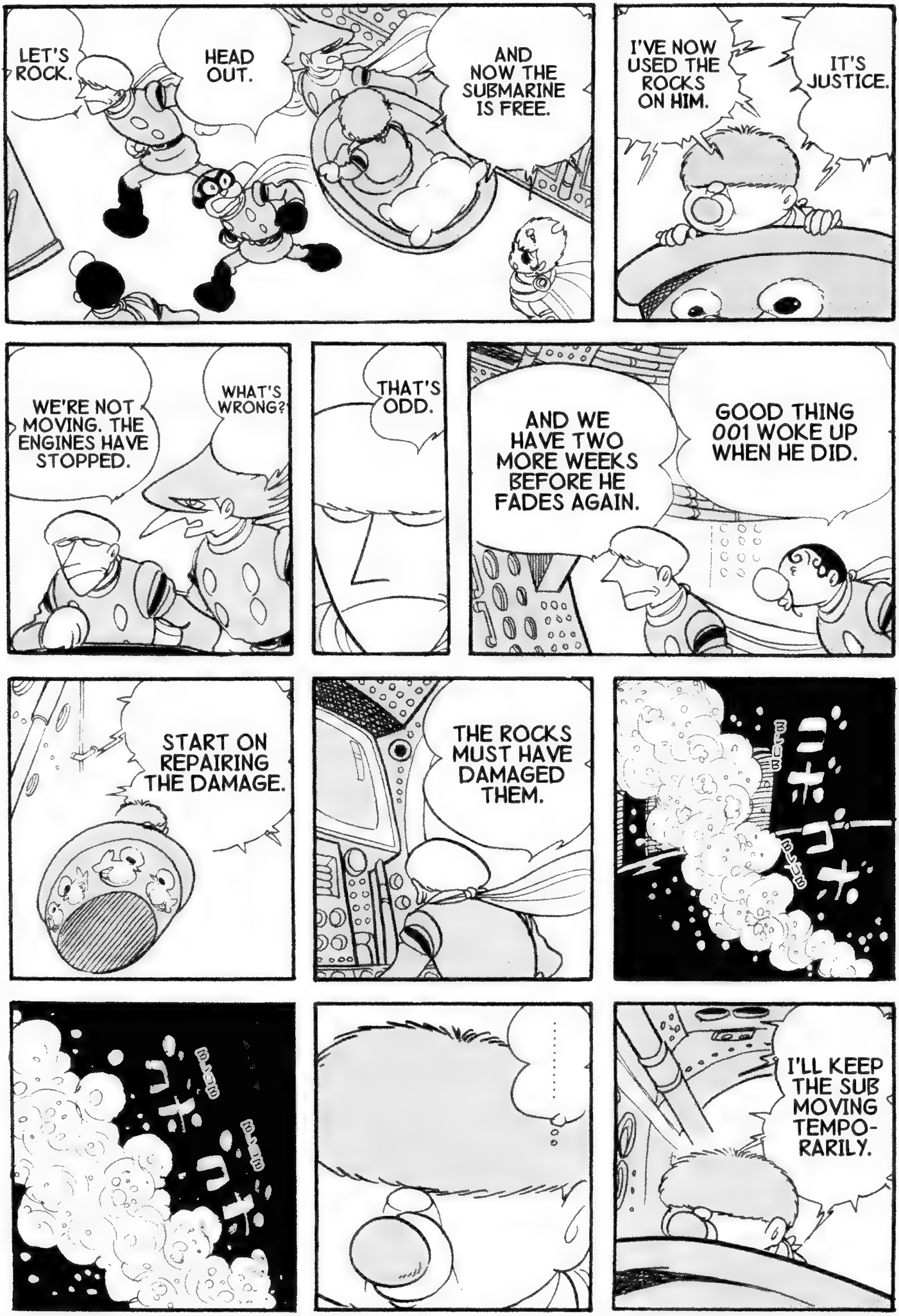
BE TRUE TO YOUR WORD!
WHAT?!
PAK
ピタッ


BANG
BANG
KRAKA
THE ROCKS ARE ATTACKING ME?!
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG


BANG
BANG
……
001.
IT'S QUIET NOW! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
UH... UHHH...


IT'S JUSTICE.
I'VE NOW USED THE ROCKS ON HIM.
AND NOW THE SUBMARINE IS FREE.
HEAD OUT.
LET'S ROCK.
GOOD THING 001 WOKE UP WHEN HE DID.
AND WE HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS BEFORE HE FADES AGAIN.
THAT'S ODD.
WHAT'S WRONG?
WE'RE NOT MOVING. THE ENGINES HAVE STOPPED.
ゴボゴボ
BLUB BLUB
THE ROCKS MUST HAVE DAMAGED THEM.
START ON REPAIRING THE DAMAGE.
I'LL KEEP THE SUB MOVING TEMPORARILY.
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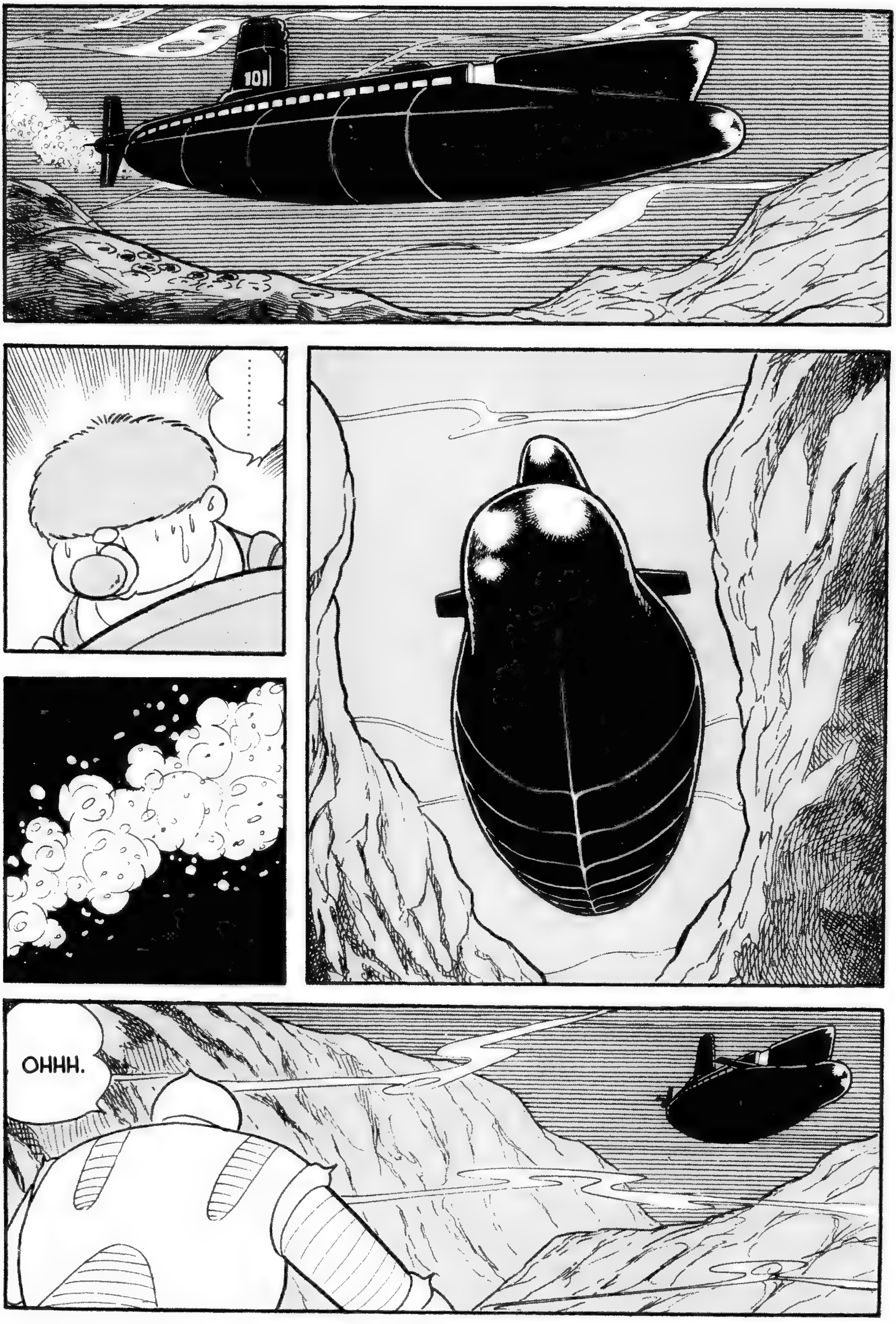
ゴボゴボ
BLUB BLUB


101
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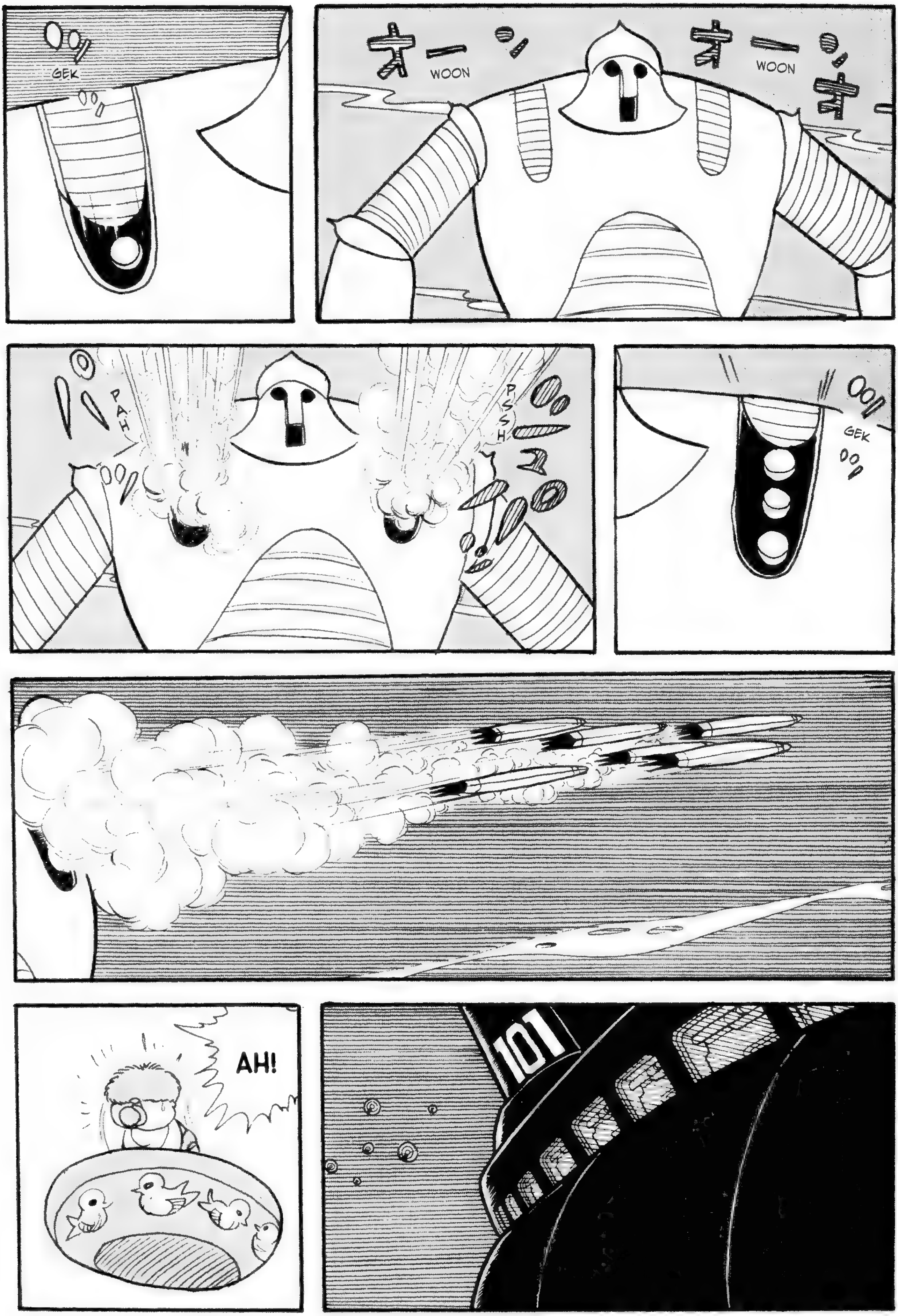
OHHH.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WOON
オーン
WOON
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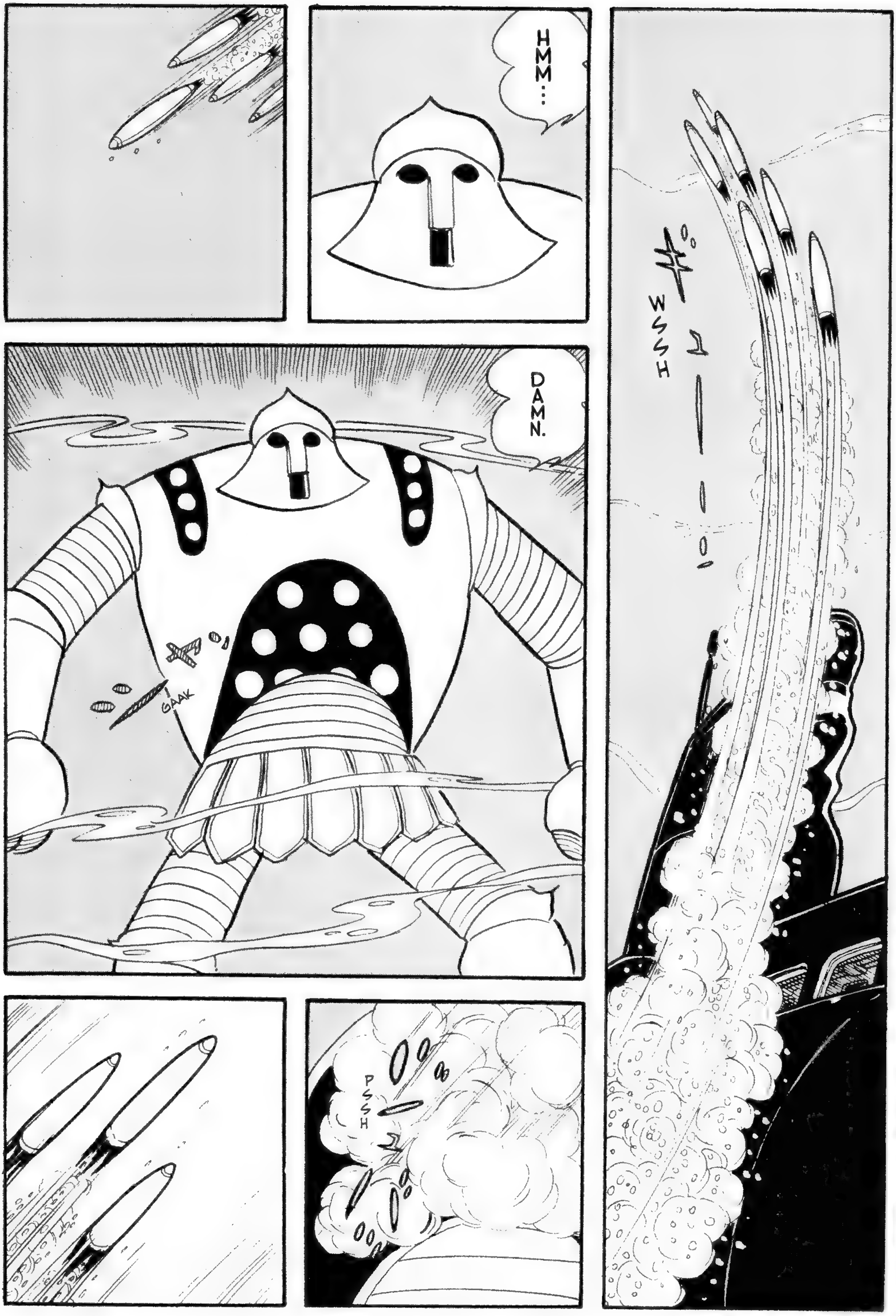
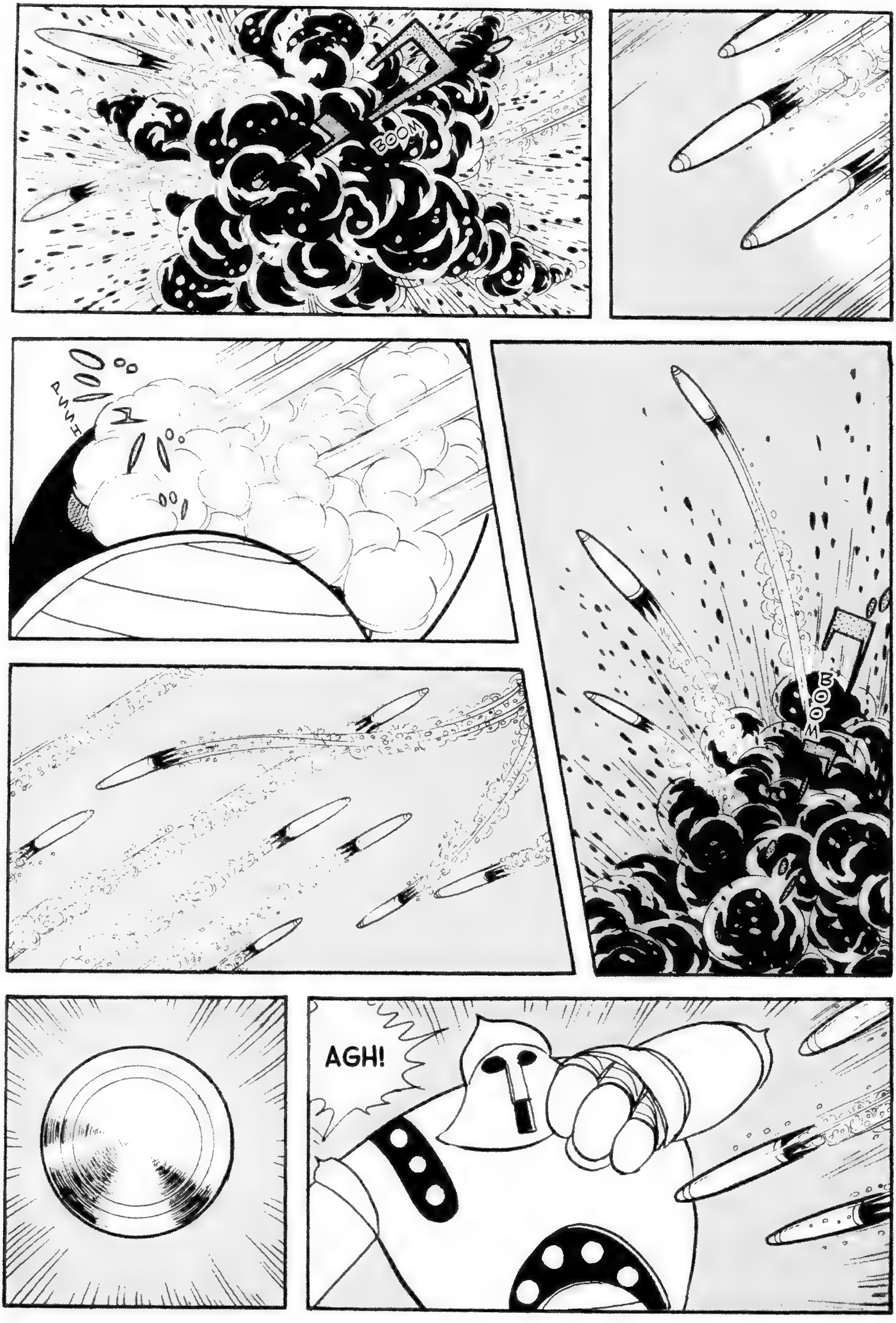
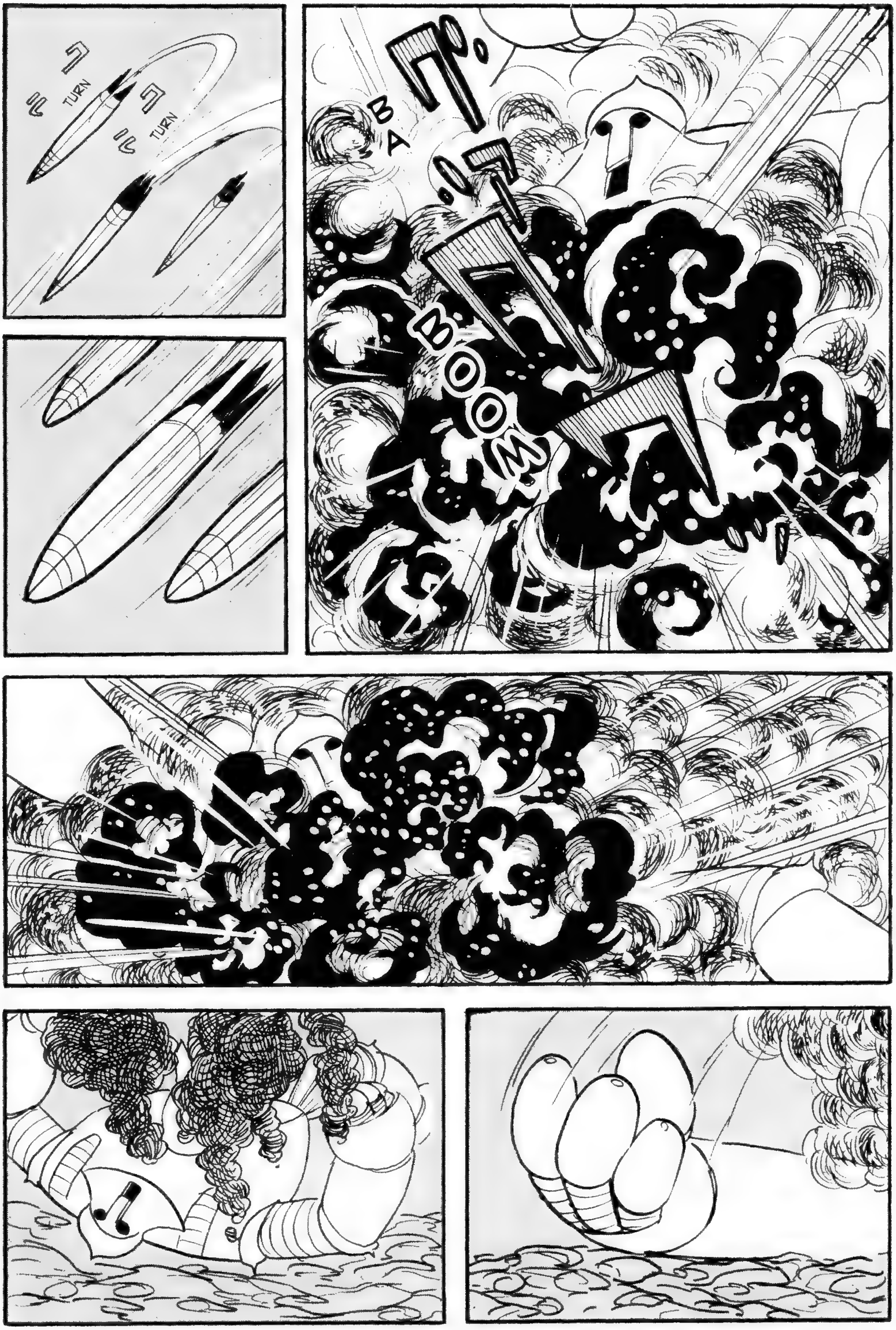
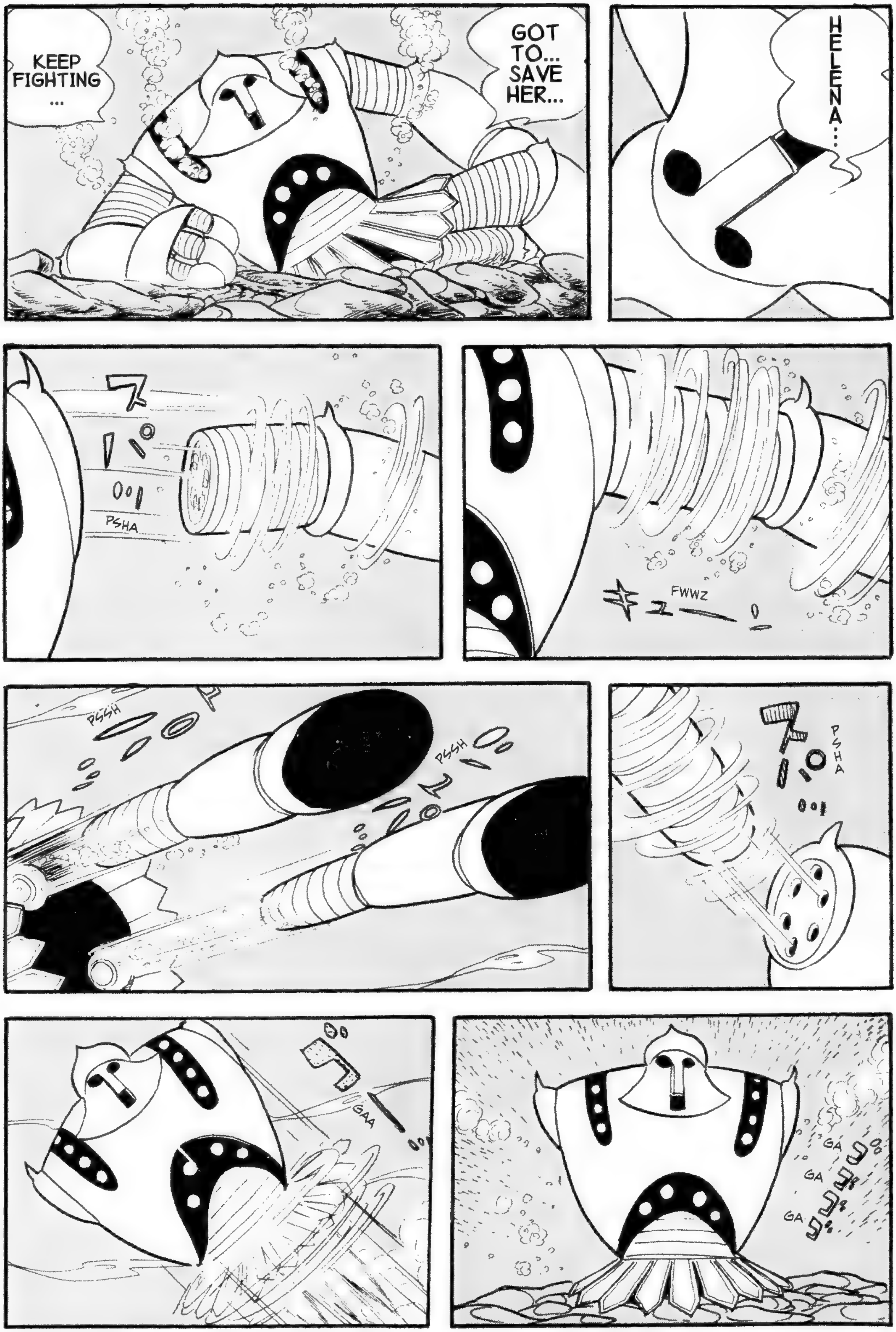
GEK
GEK
PAH
PSSH
101
AH!


WSSH
HMM…
DAMN.
GAAK
PSSH


BOOM
PUSH
BOOM
AGH!


TURN
TURN
BA
BOOM


KEEP FIGHTING ...
GOT TO... SAVE HER...
HELENA...
PSHA
FWWZ
PSSH
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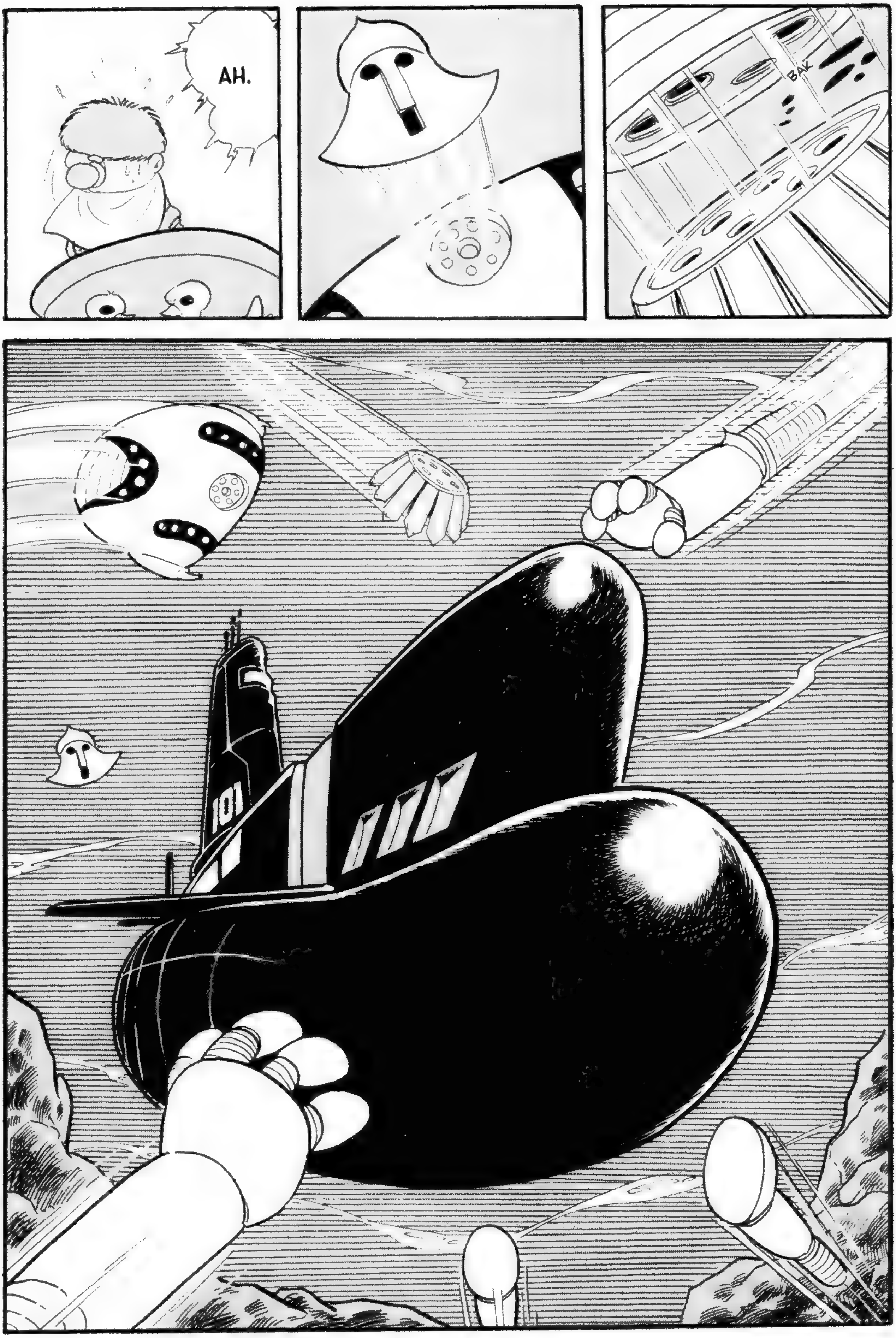
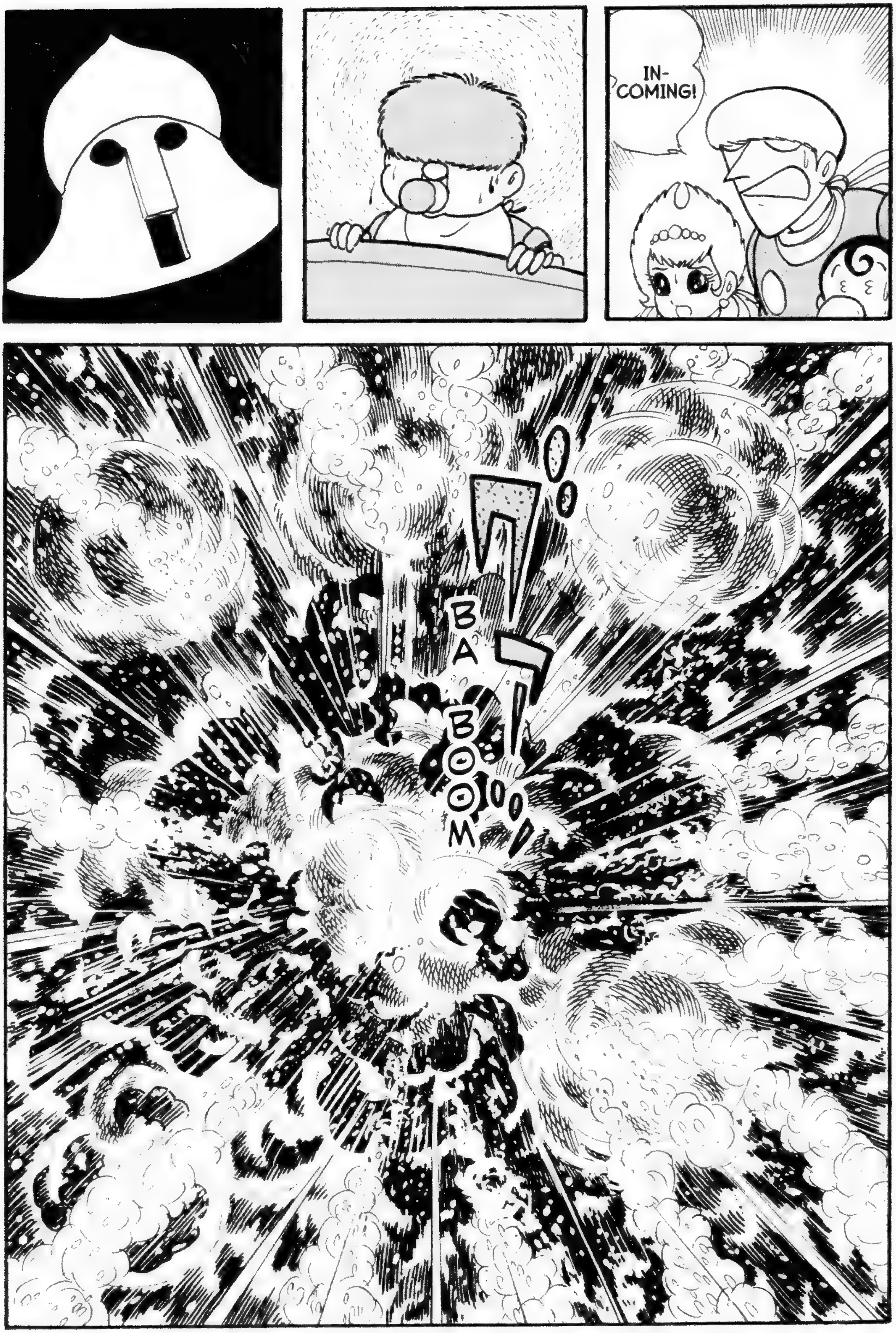
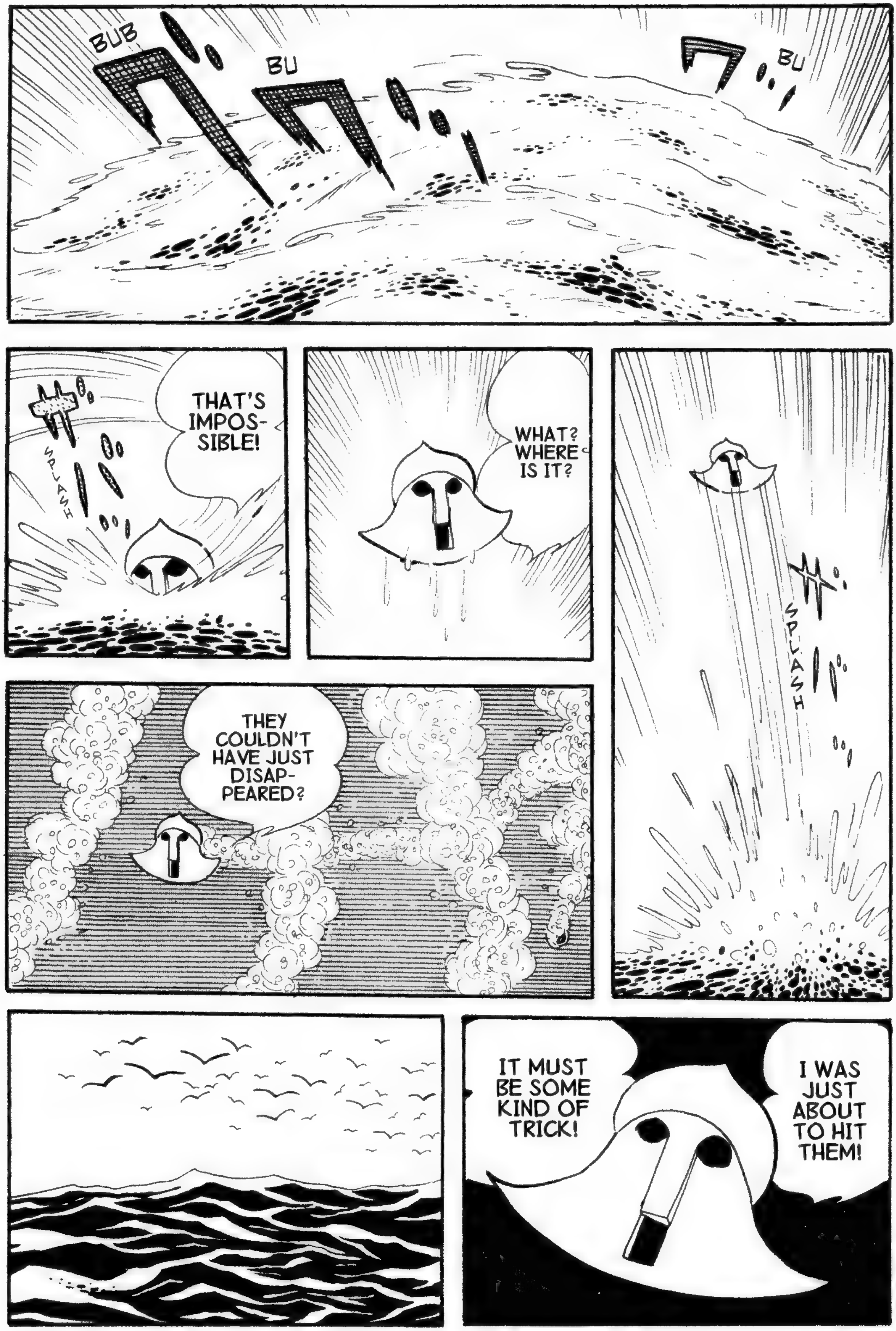
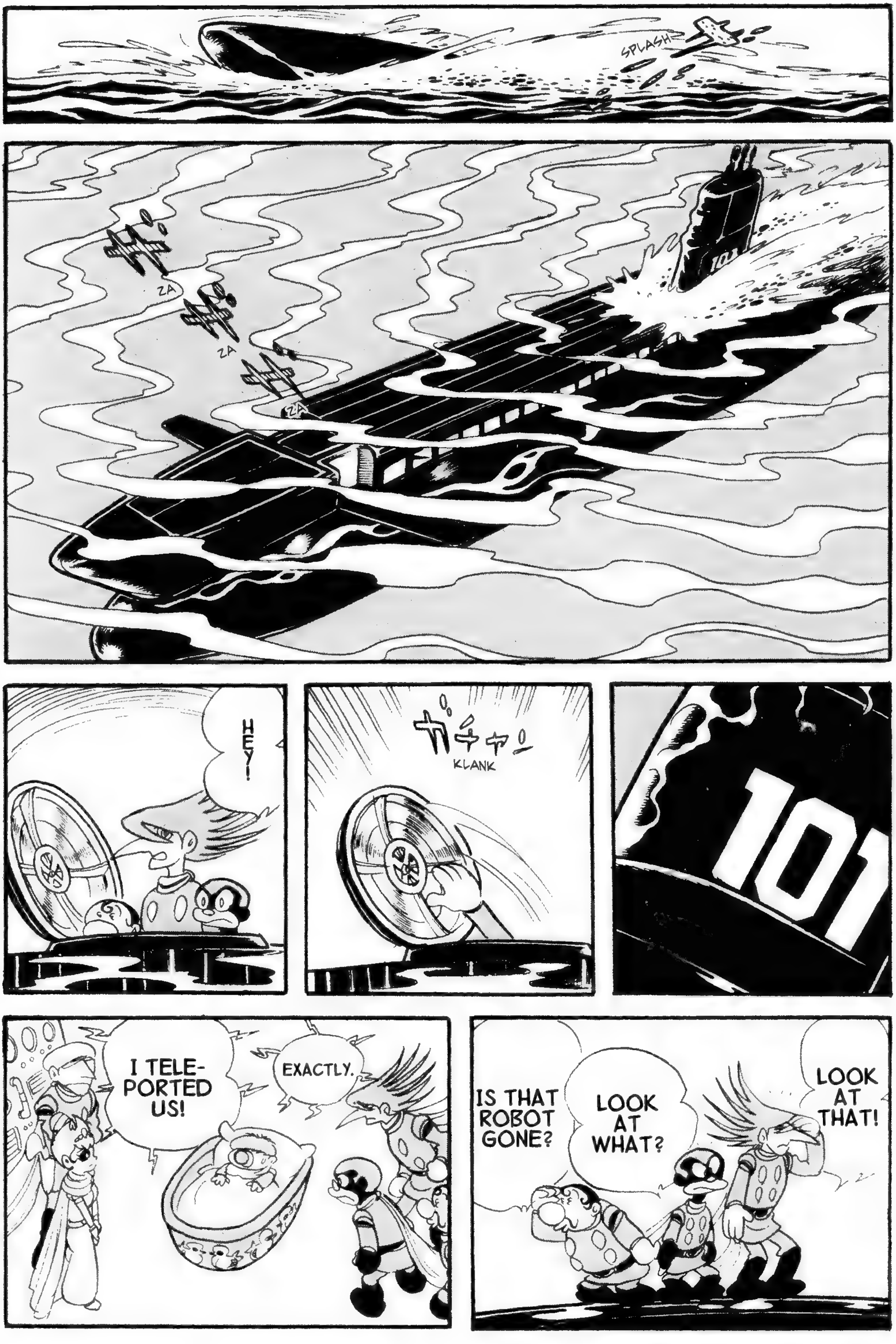
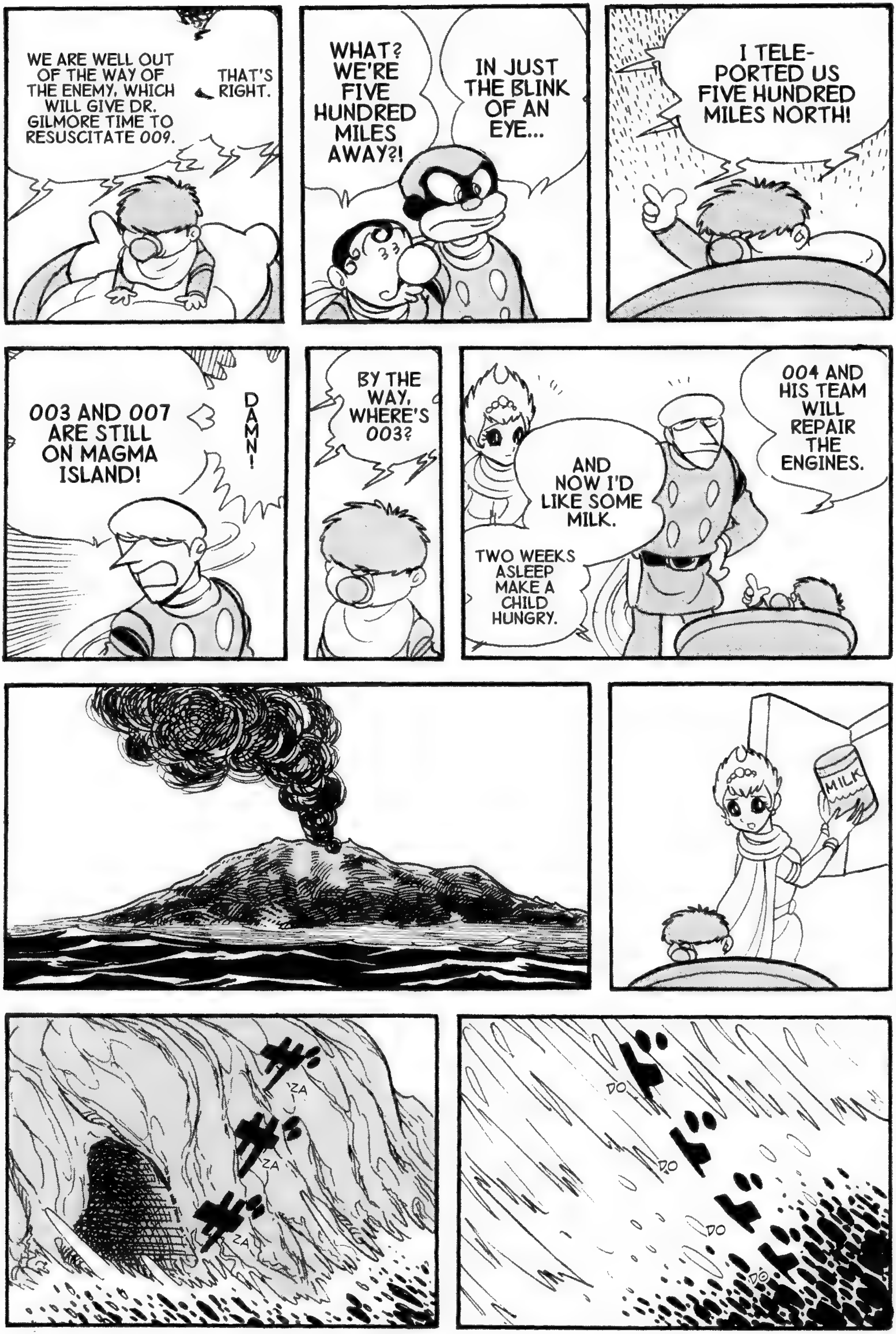
GAA
GA
GA
GA

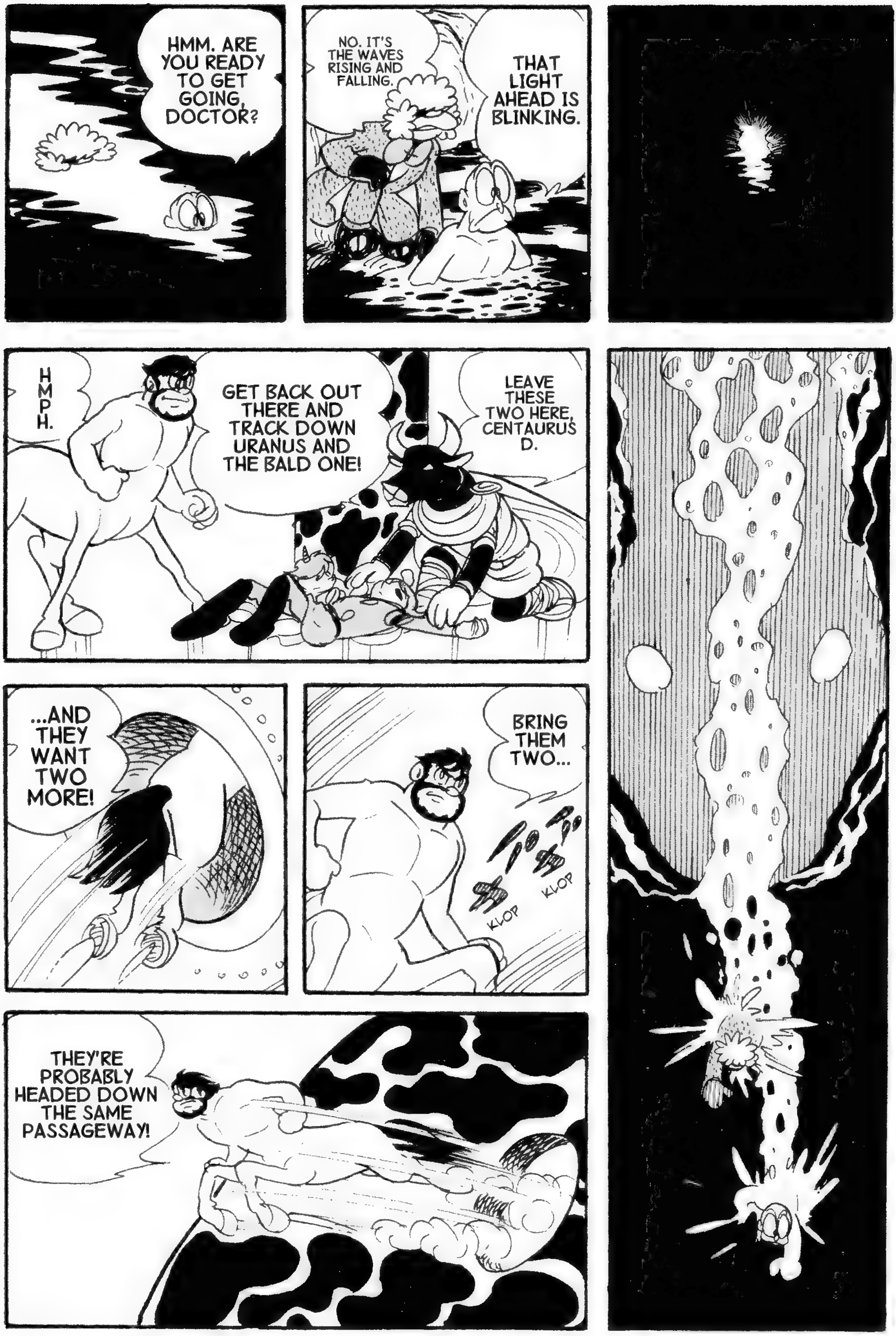

AH.
BAK

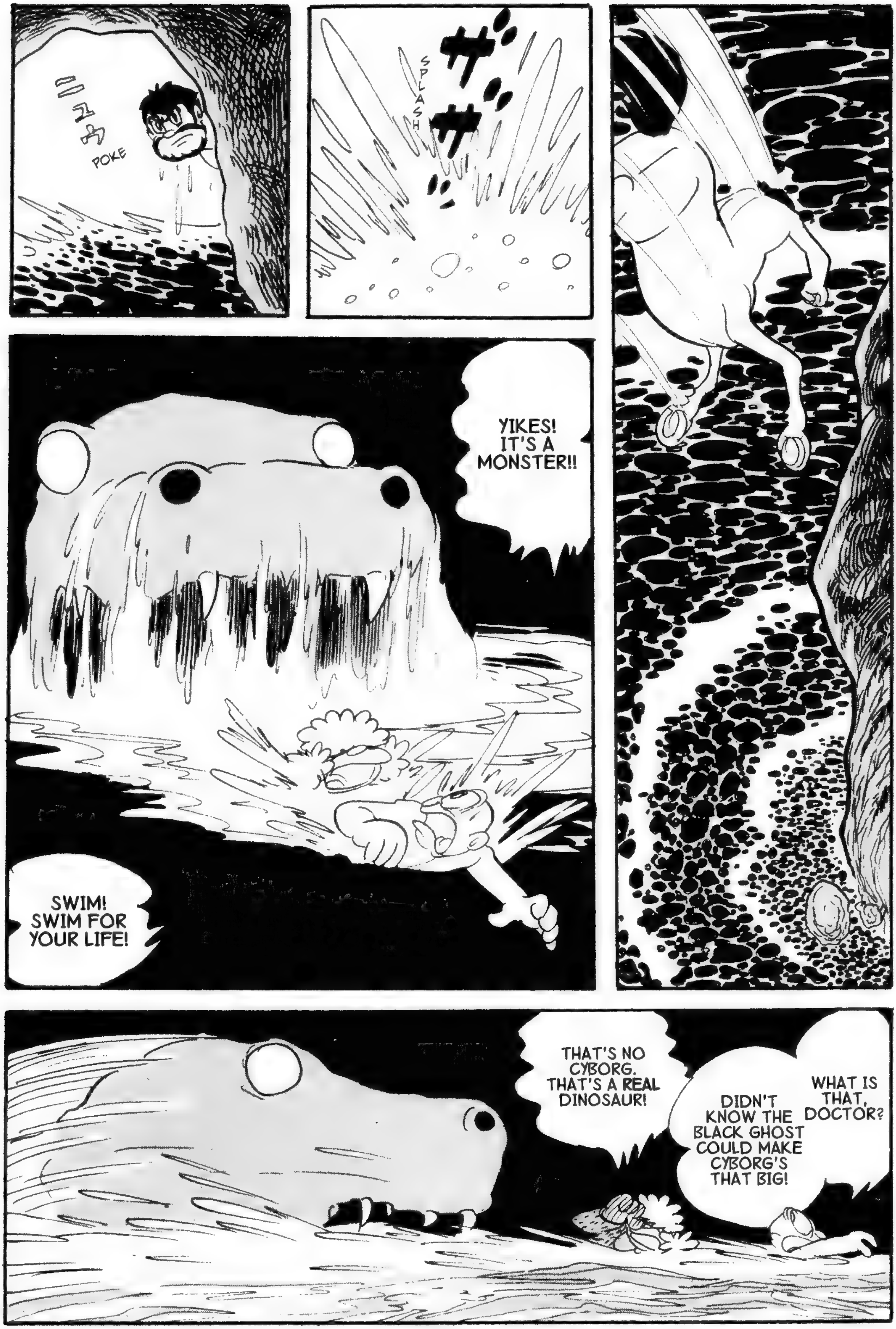

IN-COMING!
BA BOOOM

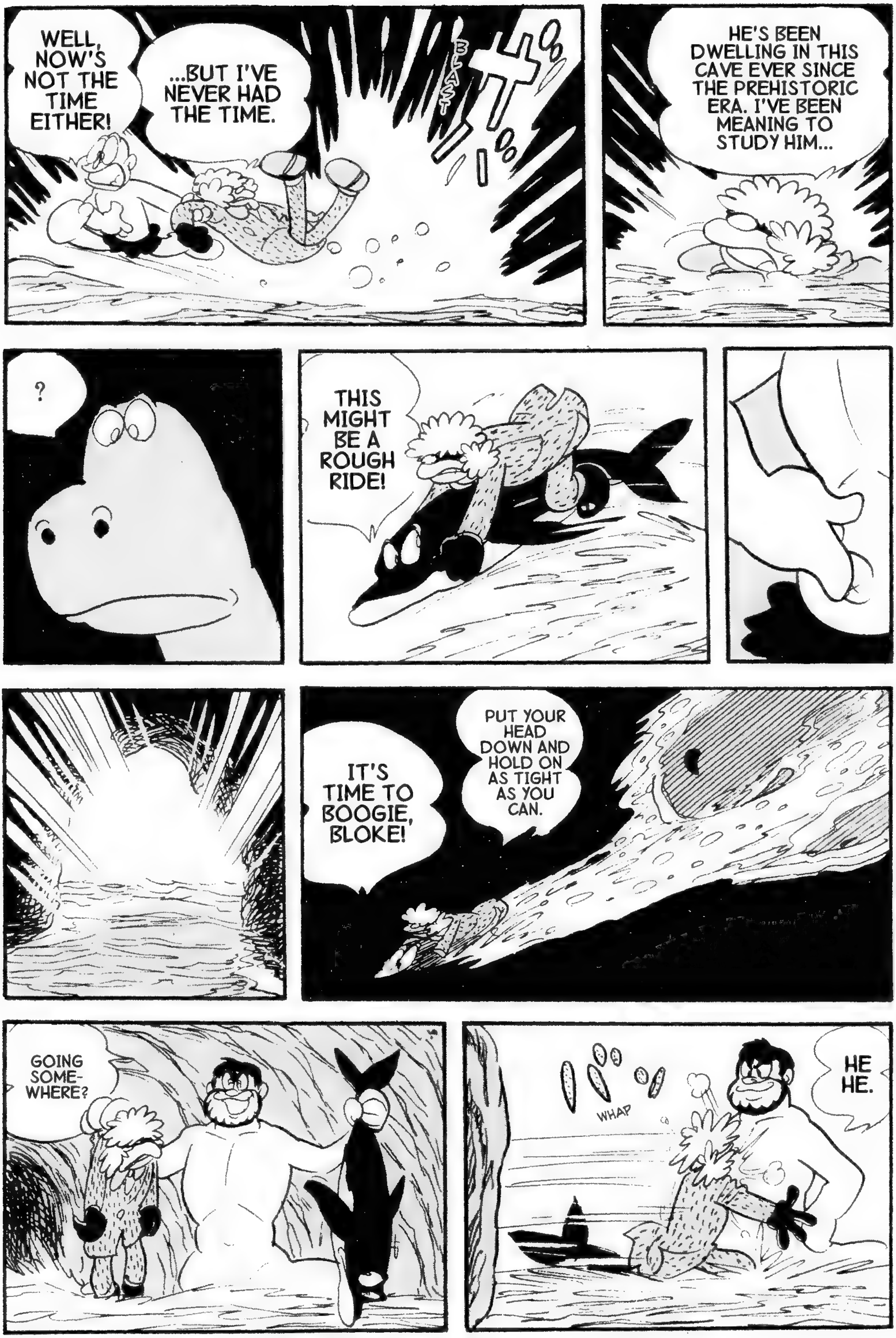

BU
BU
BUB
SPLASH
WHAT? WHERE IS IT?
SPLASH
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THEY COULDN'T HAVE JUST DISAPPEARED?
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO HIT THEM!
IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF TRICK!

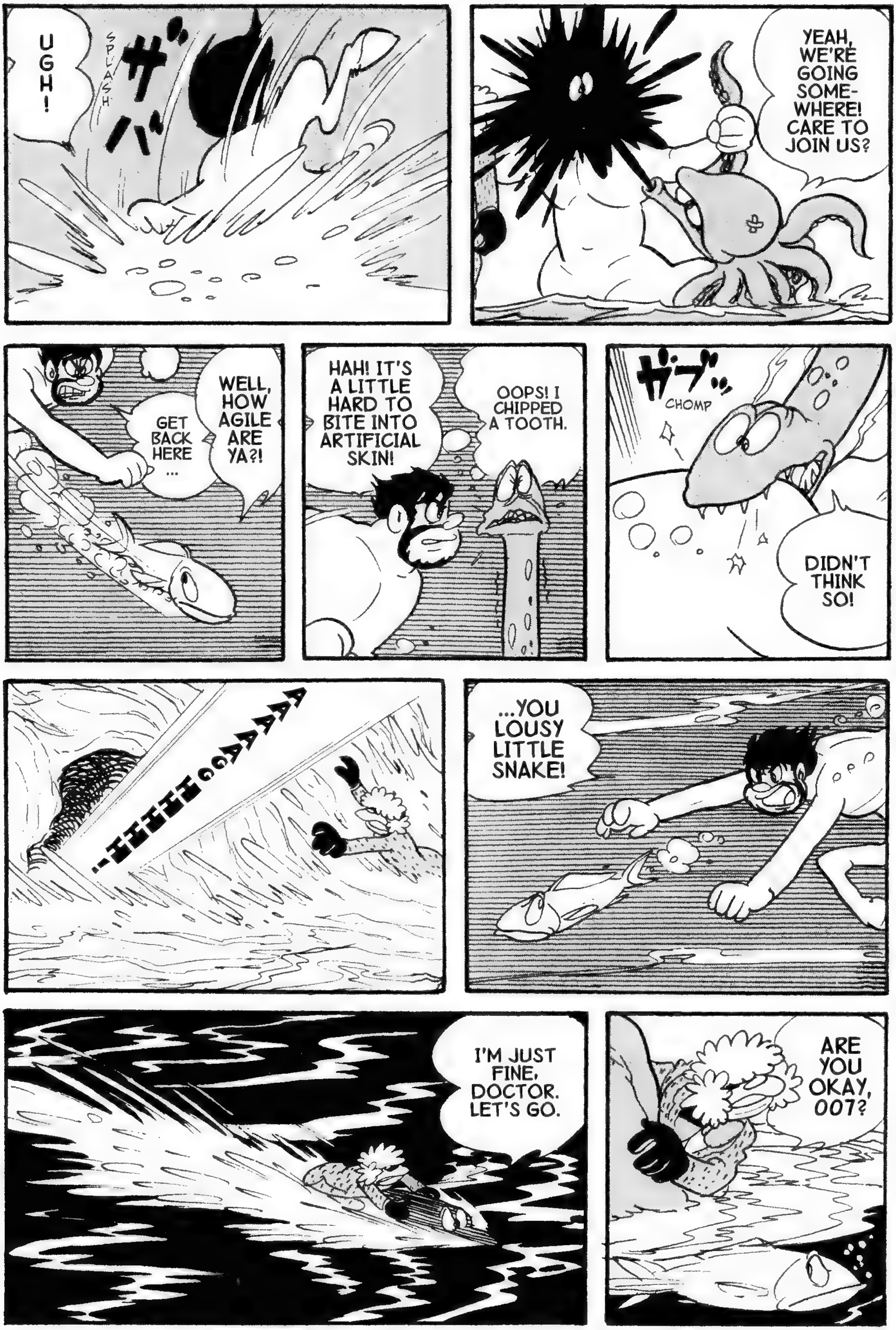

SPLASH
ZA
ZA
ZA
101
HEY!
ガチャ
KLANK
101
I TELE-PORTED US!
EXACTLY.
IS THAT ROBOT GONE?
LOOK AT WHAT?
LOOK AT THAT!

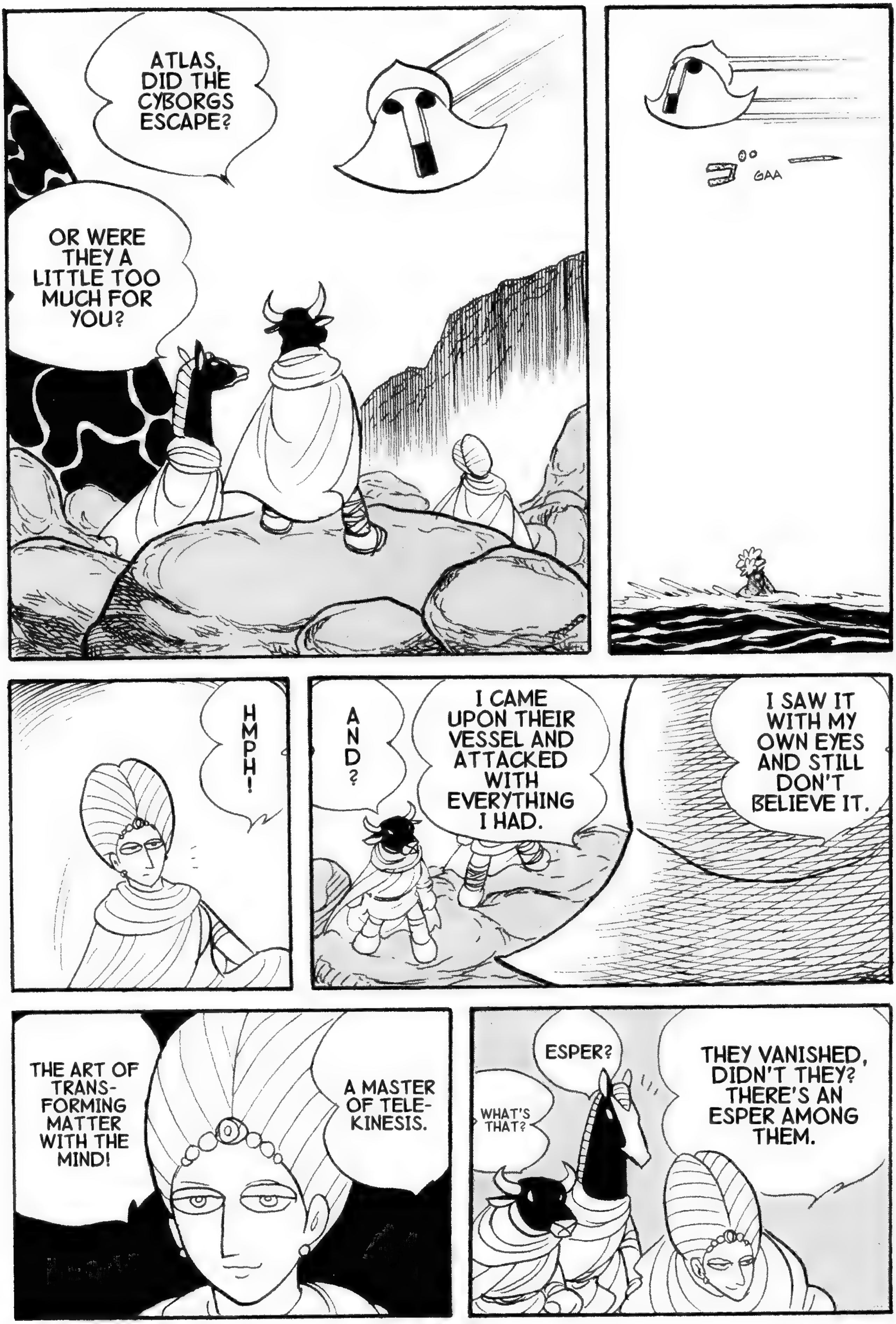

I TELEPORTED US FIVE HUNDRED MILES NORTH!
IN JUST THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
WHAT? WE'RE FIVE HUNDRED MILES AWAY?!
WE ARE WELL OUT OF THE WAY OF THE ENEMY, WHICH WILL GIVE DR. GILMORE TIME TO RESUSCITATE 009.
THAT'S RIGHT.
004 AND HIS TEAM WILL REPAIR THE ENGINES.
AND NOW I'D LIKE SOME MILK.
TWO WEEKS ASLEEP MAKE A CHILD HUNGRY.
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S 003?
003 AND 007 ARE STILL ON MAGMA ISLAND!
DAMN!
MILK
DO
DO
DO
DO
ZA
ZA
ZA

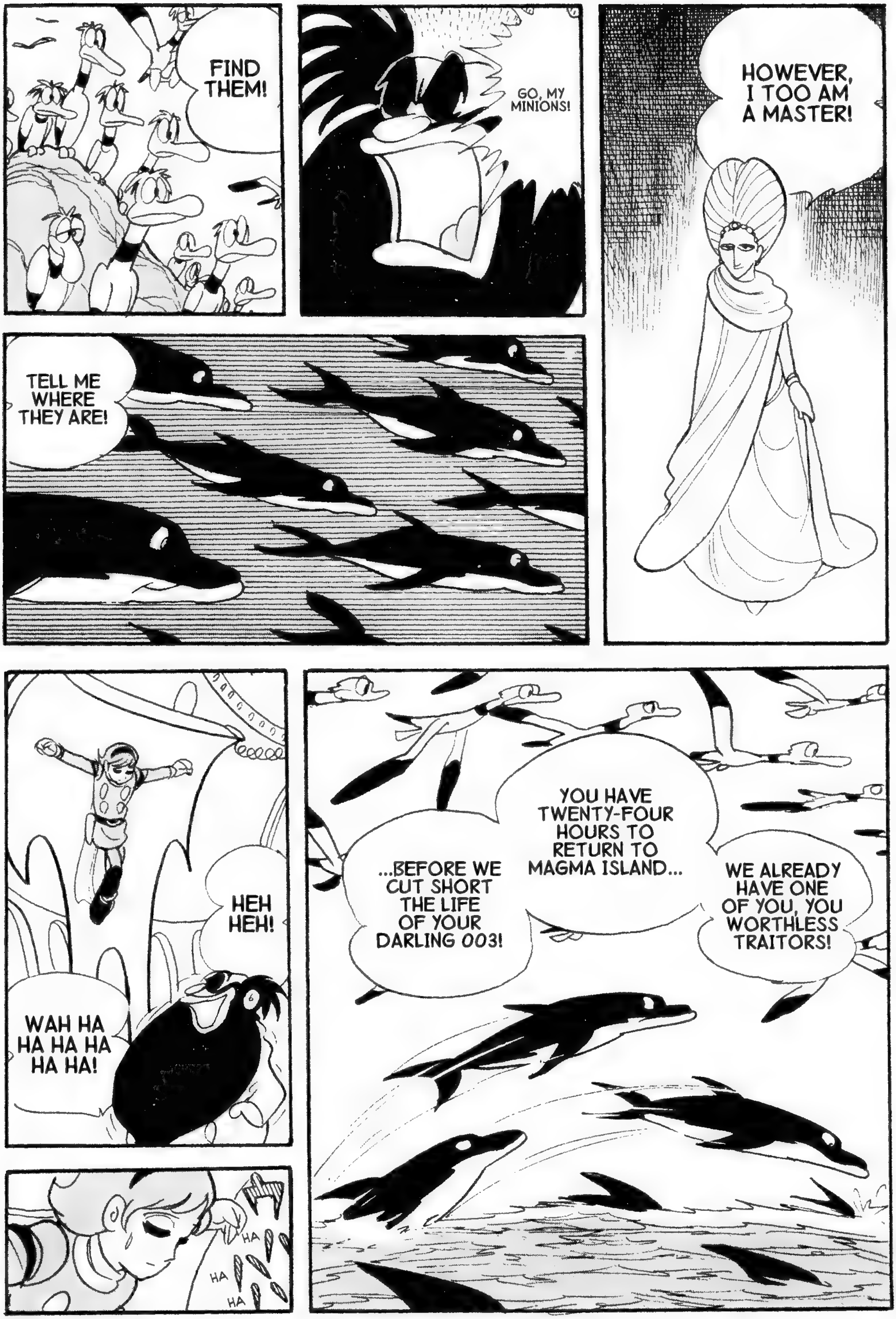

THAT LIGHT AHEAD IS BLINKING.
NO. IT'S THE WAVES RISING AND FALLING.
HMM. ARE YOU READY TO GET GOING, DOCTOR?
LEAVE THESE TWO HERE, CENTAURUS D.
GET BACK OUT THERE AND TRACK DOWN URANUS AND THE BALD ONE!
HMPH.
BRING THEM TWO...
KLOP
KLOP
...AND THEY WANT TWO MORE!
THEY'RE PROBABLY HEADED DOWN THE SAME PASSAGEWAY!

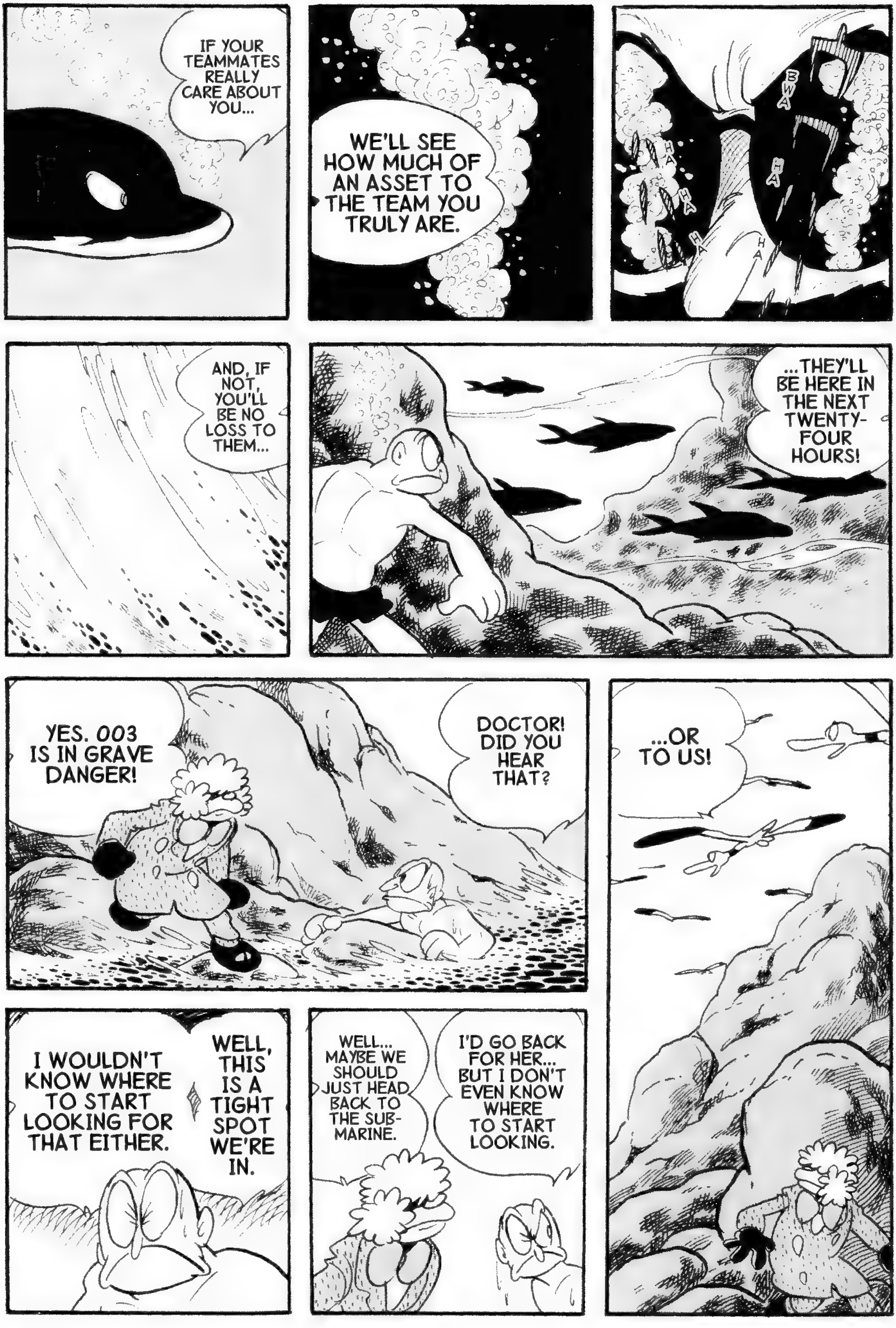

ニュウ
POKE
ザッ ザッ
SPLASH
YIKES! IT'S A MONSTER!!
SWIM! SWIM FOR YOUR LIFE!
WHAT IS THAT, DOCTOR?
DIDN'T KNOW THE BLACK GHOST COULD MAKE CYBORG'S THAT BIG!
THAT'S NO CYBORG. THAT'S A REAL DINOSAUR!

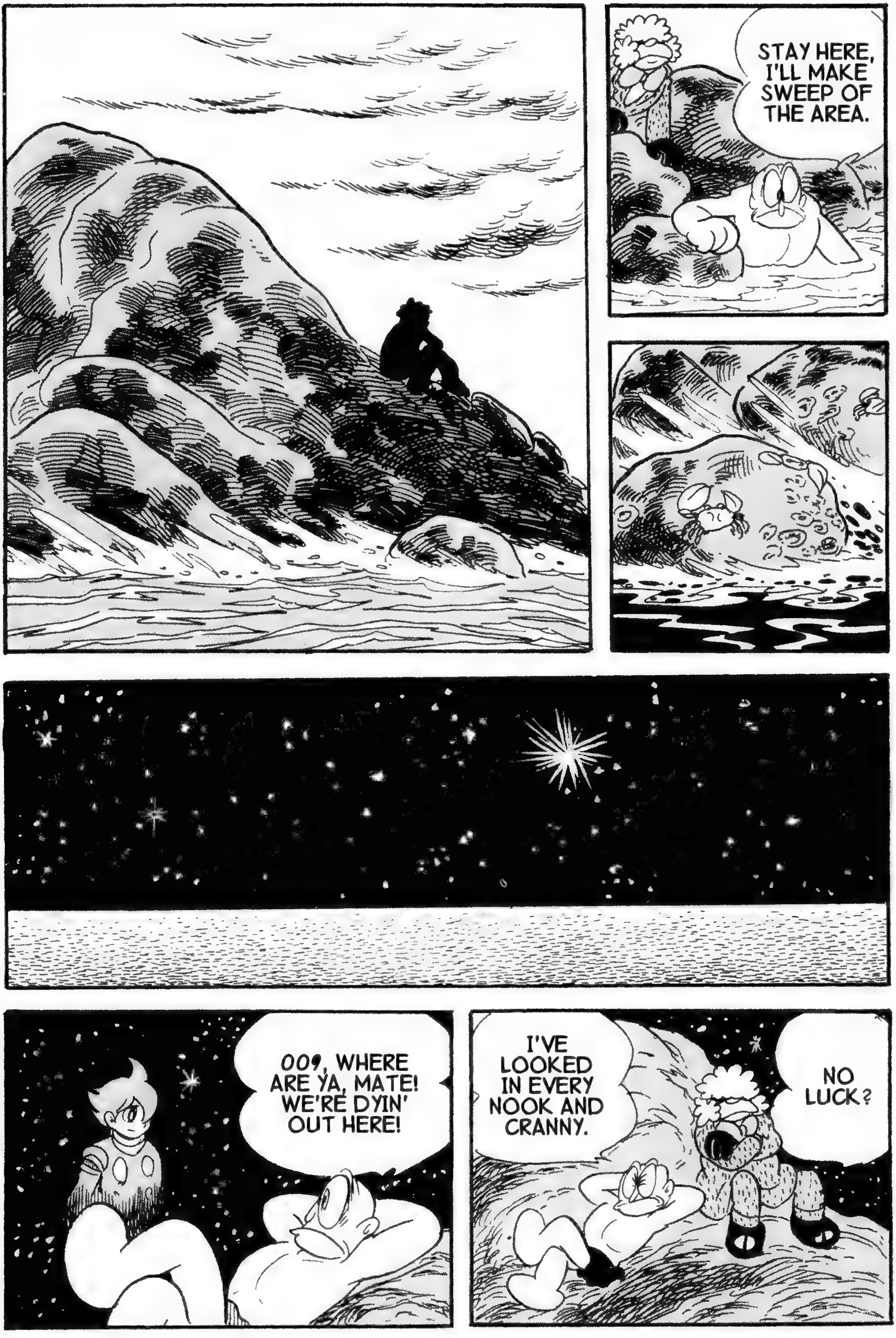

WELL, NOW'S NOT THE TIME EITHER!
...BUT I'VE NEVER HAD THE TIME.
BLAST
HE'S BEEN DWELLING IN THIS CAVE EVER SINCE THE PREHISTORIC ERA. I'VE BEEN MEANING TO STUDY HIM...
?
THIS MIGHT BE A ROUGH RIDE!
PUT YOUR HEAD DOWN AND HOLD ON AS TIGHT AS YOU CAN.
IT'S TIME TO BOOGIE, BLOKE!
GOING SOMEWHERE?
WHAP
HE HE.

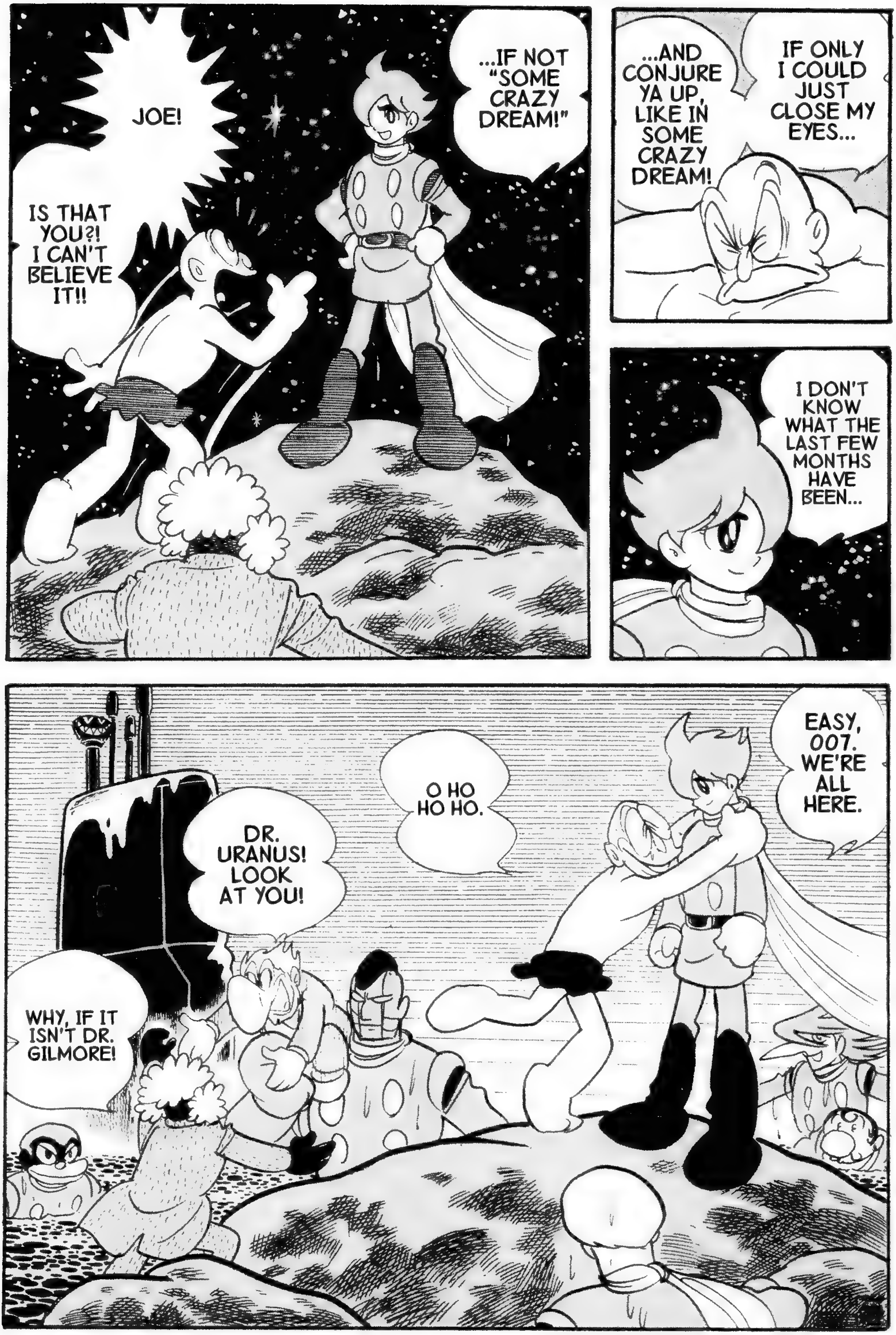

ザバ
SPLASH
UGH!
YEAH, WE'RE GOING SOMEWHERE! CARE TO JOIN US?
GET BACK HERE ...
WELL, HOW AGILE ARE YA?!
HAH! IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO BITE INTO ARTIFICIAL SKIN!
OOPS! I CHIPPED A TOOTH.
ガブッ
CHOMP
DIDN'T THINK SO!
AAAAAAGGIIIIII..
...YOU LOUSY LITTLE SNAKE!
I'M JUST FINE, DOCTOR. LET'S GO.
ARE YOU OKAY, 007?


ATLAS, DID THE CYBORGS ESCAPE?
OR WERE THEY A LITTLE TOO MUCH FOR YOU?
GAA
HMPH!
AND?
I CAME UPON THEIR VESSEL AND ATTACKED WITH EVERYTHING I HAD.
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES AND STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT.
THE ART OF TRANSFORMING MATTER WITH THE MIND!
A MASTER OF TELEKINESIS.
THEY VANISHED, DIDN'T THEY? THERE'S AN ESPER AMONG THEM.
ESPER?
WHAT'S THAT?

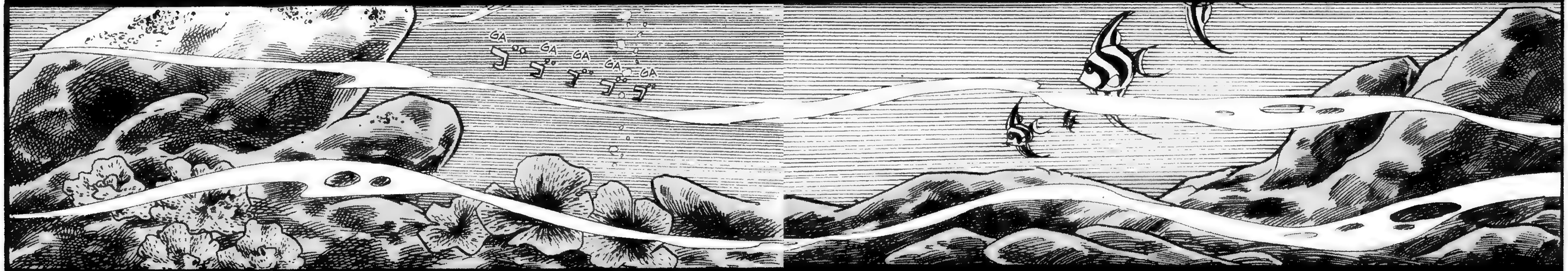

FIND THEM!
GO, MY MINIONS!
HOWEVER, I TOO AM A MASTER!
TELL ME WHERE THEY ARE!
HEH HEH!
WAH HA HA HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA
WE ALREADY HAVE ONE OF YOU, YOU WORTHLESS TRAITORS!
YOU HAVE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO RETURN TO MAGMA ISLAND...
...BEFORE WE CUT SHORT THE LIFE OF YOUR DARLING 003!


IF YOUR TEAMMATES REALLY CARE ABOUT YOU...
WE'LL SEE HOW MUCH OF AN ASSET TO THE TEAM YOU TRULY ARE.
BWA HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA
AND, IF NOT, YOU'LL BE NO LOSS TO THEM...
...THEY'LL BE HERE IN THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!
DOCTOR! DID YOU HEAR THAT?
YES. 003 IS IN GRAVE DANGER!
...OR TO US!
I'D GO BACK FOR HER... BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START LOOKING.
WELL... MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST HEAD BACK TO THE SUBMARINE.
WELL, THIS IS A TIGHT SPOT WE'RE IN.
I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO START LOOKING FOR THAT EITHER.


STAY HERE, I'LL MAKE SWEEP OF THE AREA.
009, WHERE ARE YA, MATE! WE'RE DYIN' OUT HERE!
I'VE LOOKED IN EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY.
NO LUCK?


IF ONLY I COULD JUST CLOSE MY EYES...
...AND CONJURE YA UP, LIKE IN SOME CRAZY DREAM!
...IF NOT "SOME CRAZY DREAM!"
JOE!
IS THAT YOU?! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN...
EASY, 007. WE'RE ALL HERE.
O HO HO HO.
DR. URANUS! LOOK AT YOU!
WHY, IF IT ISN'T DR. GILMORE!

CHAPTER 27
THE FINAL CHAPTER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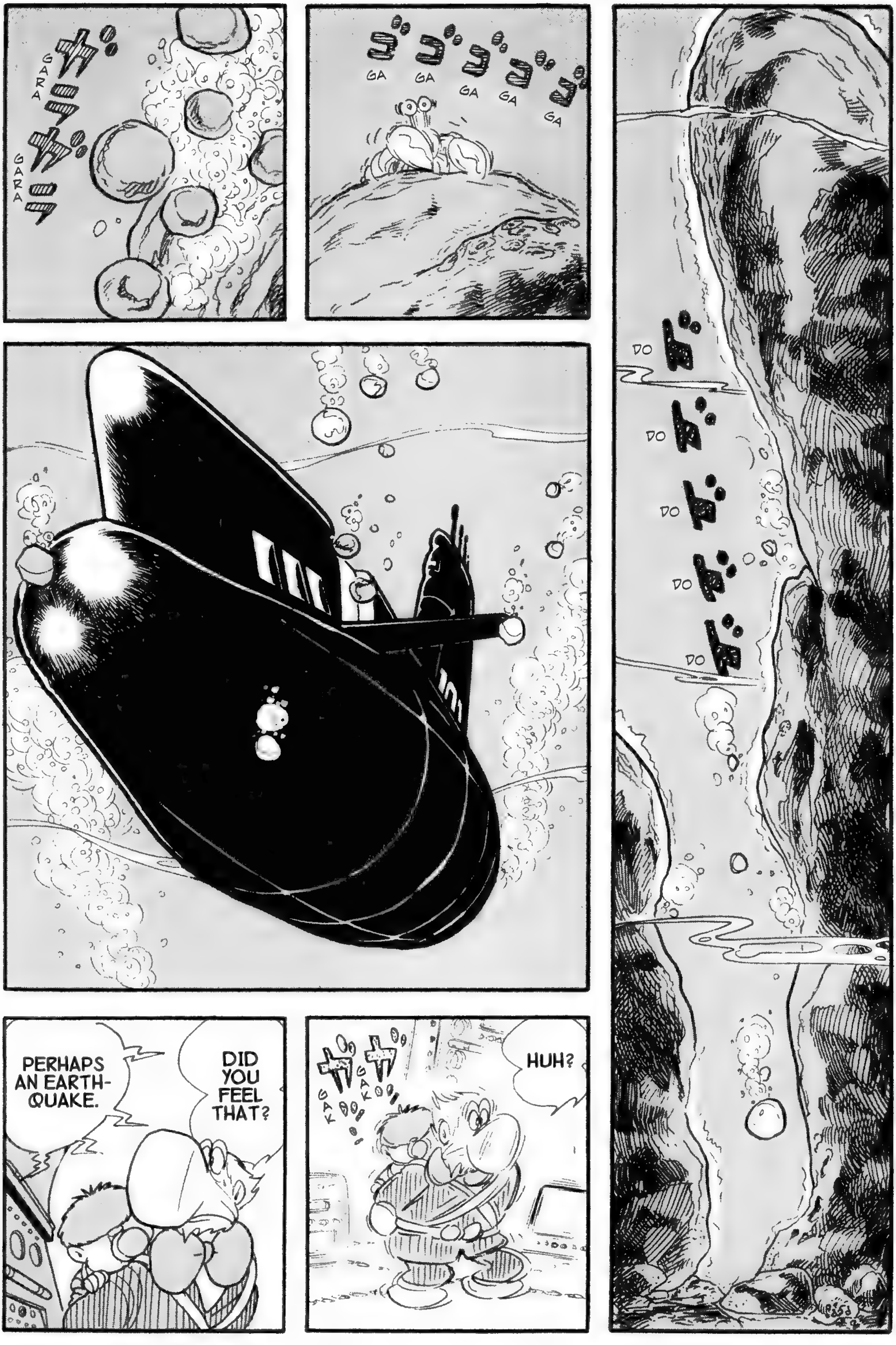
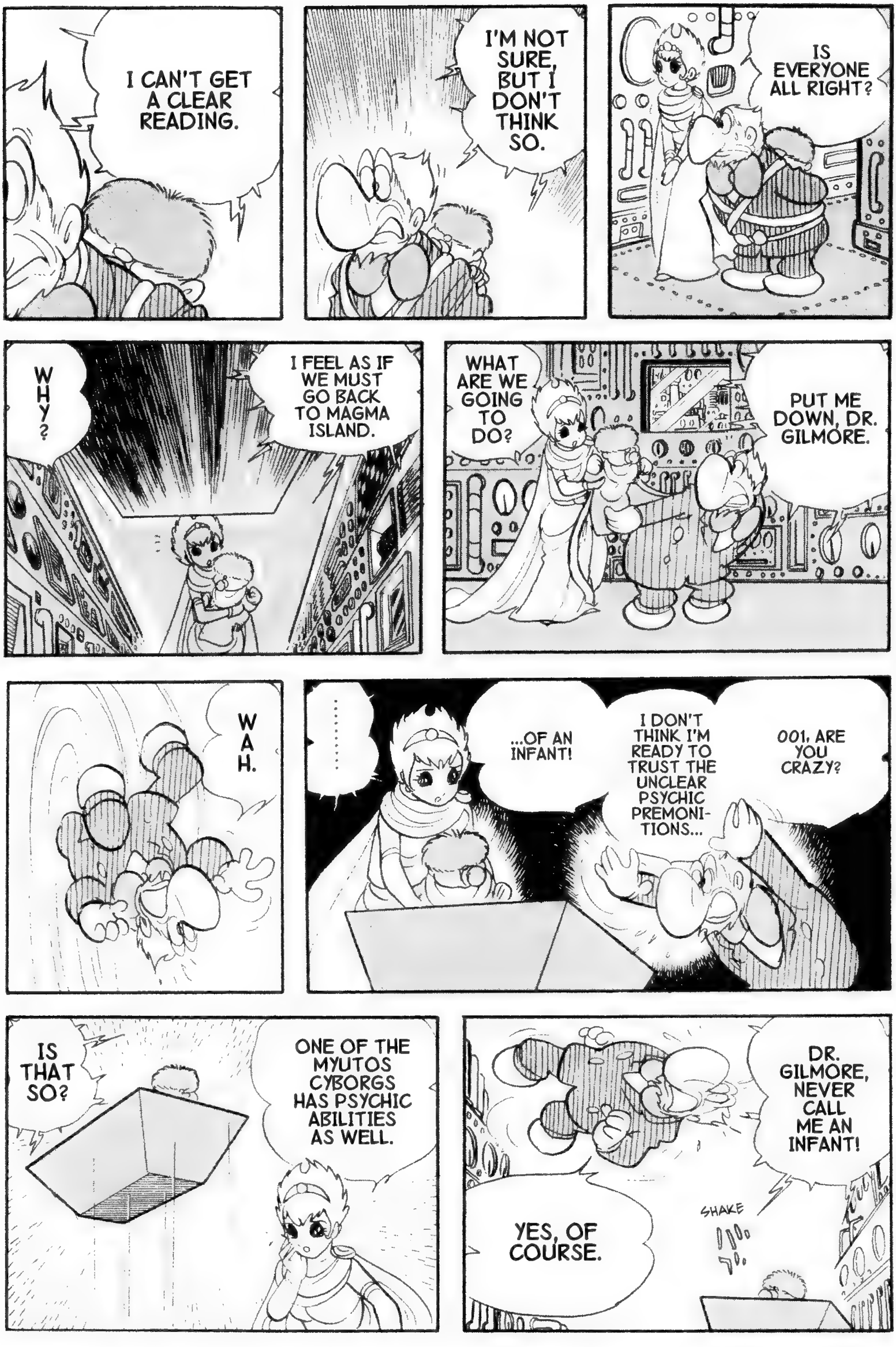
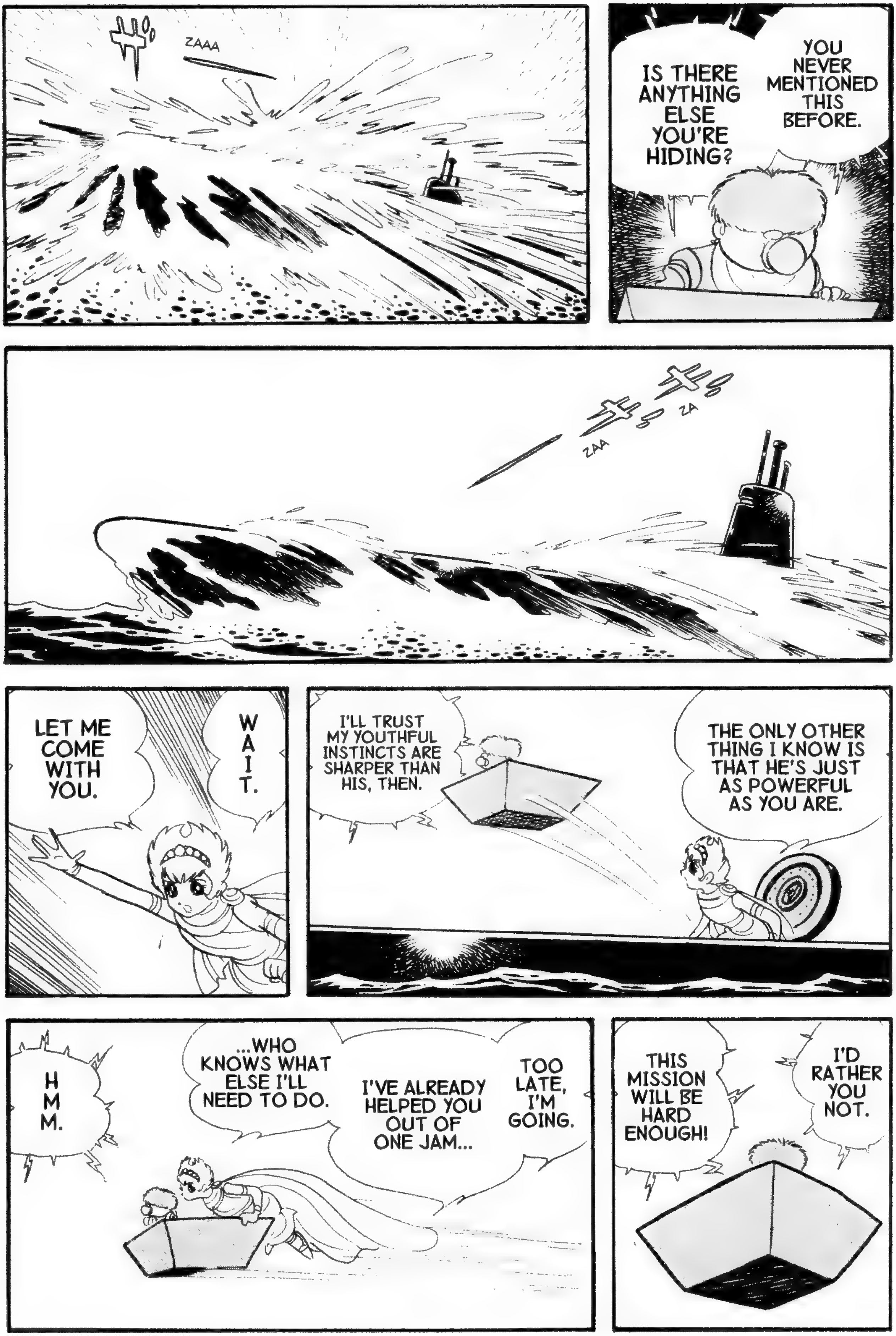
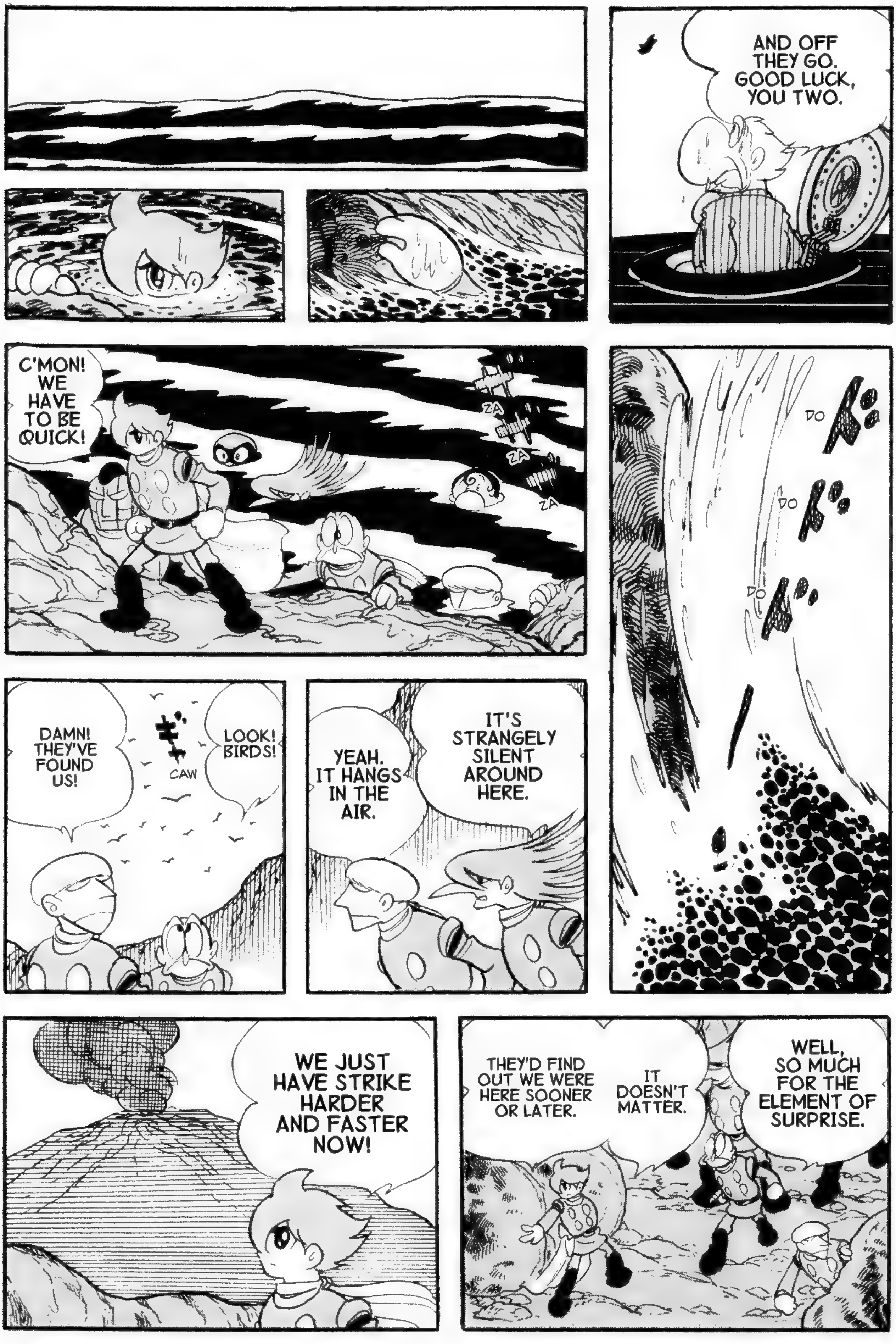
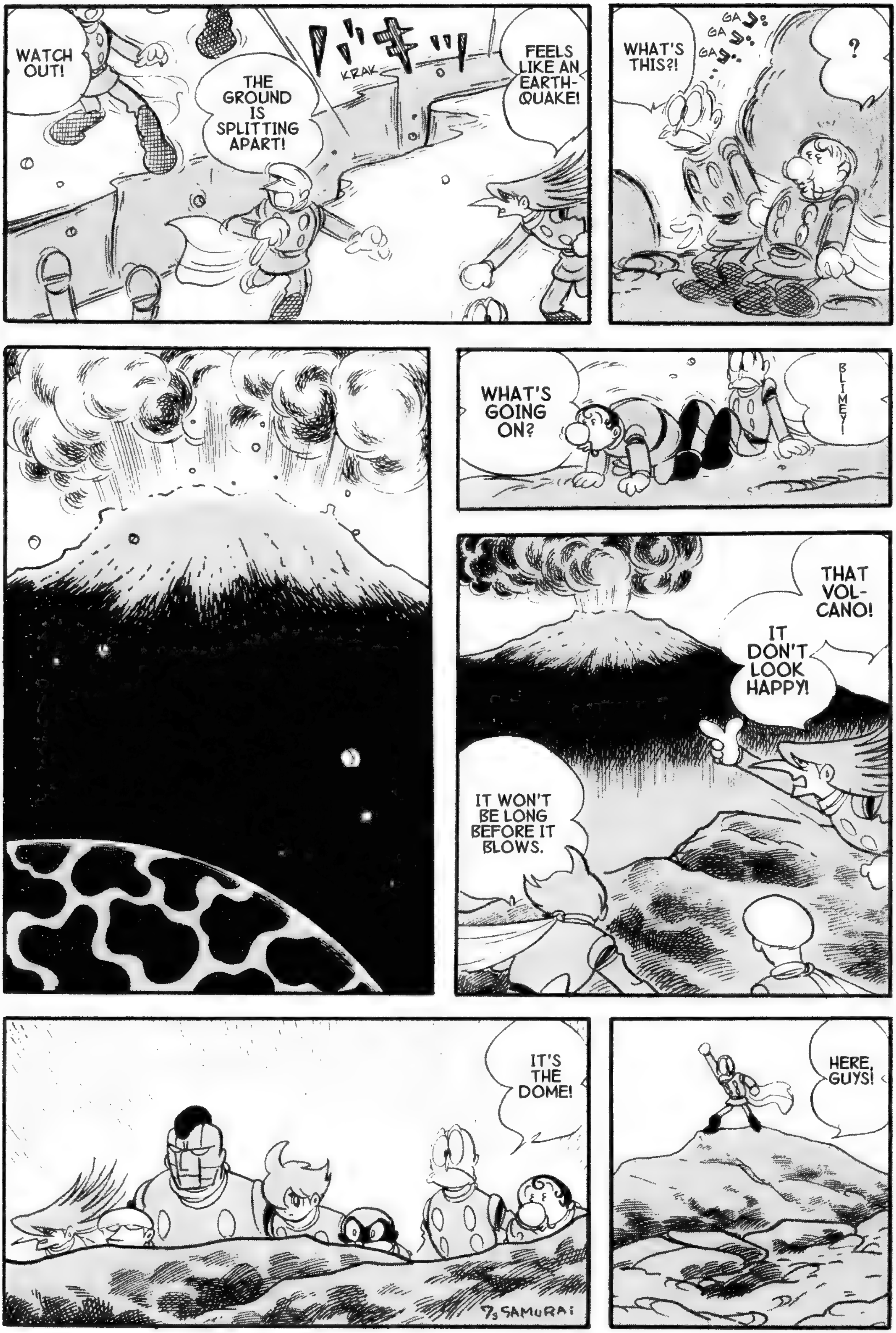

DO DO DO DO DO
GA GA GA GA GA
GARA GARA
HUH?
GAK GAK
DID YOU FEEL THAT?
PERHAPS AN EARTH-QUAKE.


IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT I DON'T THINK SO.
I CAN'T GET A CLEAR READING.
PUT ME DOWN, DR. GILMORE.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
I FEEL AS IF WE MUST GO BACK TO MAGMA ISLAND.
WHY?
001, ARE YOU CRAZY?
I DON'T THINK I'M READY TO TRUST THE UNCLEAR PSYCHIC PREMONITIONS...
...OF AN INFANT!
....
WAH.
DR. GILMORE, NEVER CALL ME AN INFANT!
SHAKE
YES, OF COURSE.
ONE OF THE MYUTOS CYBORGS HAS PSYCHIC ABILITIES AS WELL.
IS THAT SO?


YOU NEVER MENTIONED THIS BEFORE.
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'RE HIDING?
ZAAA
ZA
ZAA
THE ONLY OTHER THING I KNOW IS THAT HE'S JUST AS POWERFUL AS YOU ARE.
I'LL TRUST MY YOUTHFUL INSTINCTS ARE SHARPER THAN HIS, THEN.
WAIT.
LET ME COME WITH YOU.
I'D RATHER YOU NOT.
THIS MISSION WILL BE HARD ENOUGH!
TOO LATE, I'M GOING.
I'VE ALREADY HELPED YOU OUT OF ONE JAM...
...WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE I'LL NEED TO DO.
HMM.


AND OFF THEY GO. GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO.
C'MON! WE HAVE TO BE QUICK!
ZA
ZA
ZA
DO
DO
DO
IT'S STRANGELY SILENT AROUND HERE.
YEAH. IT HANGS IN THE AIR.
LOOK! BIRDS!
CAW
DAMN! THEY'VE FOUND US!
WELL, SO MUCH FOR THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
THEY'D FIND OUT WE WERE HERE SOONER OR LATER.
WE JUST HAVE STRIKE HARDER AND FASTER NOW!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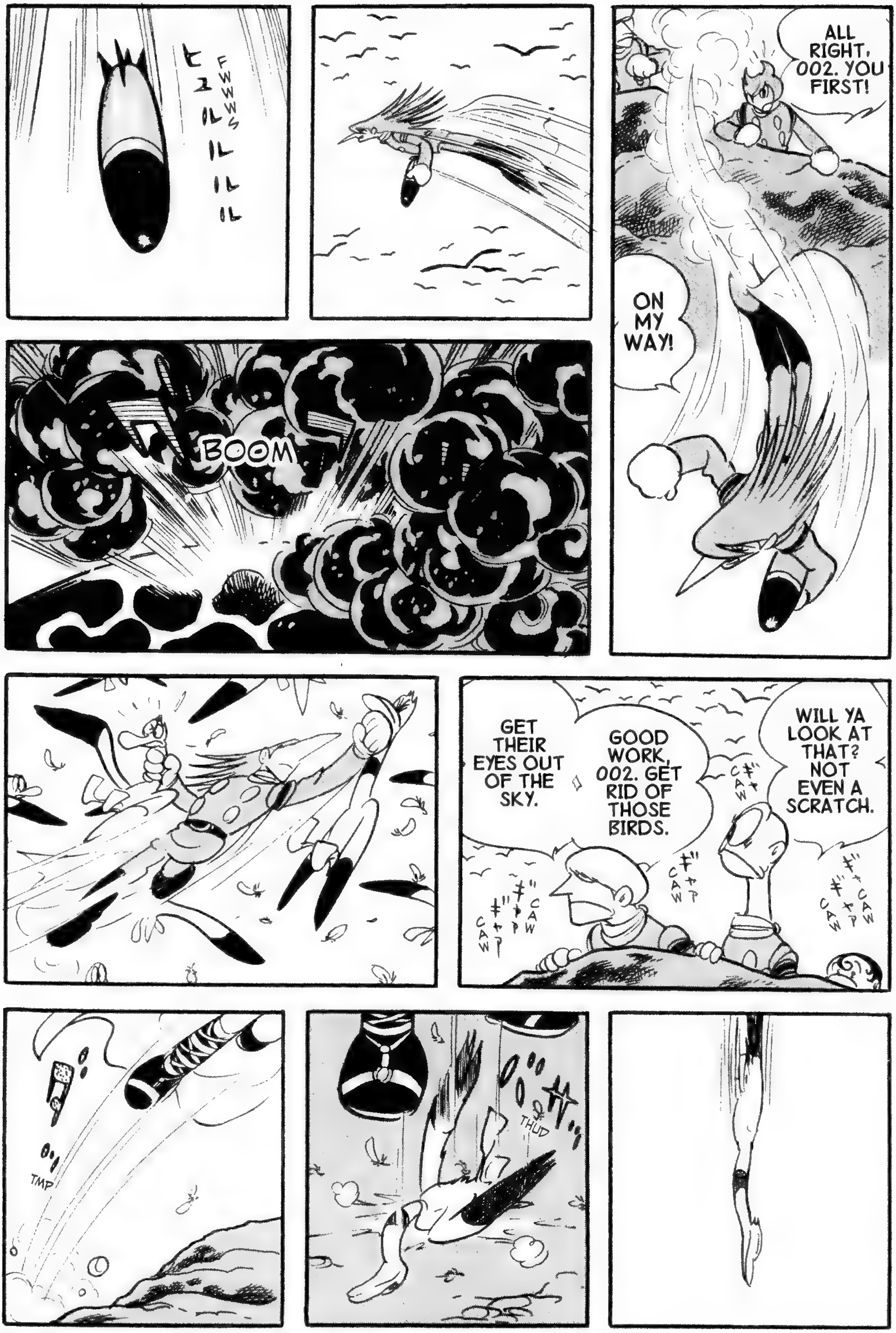
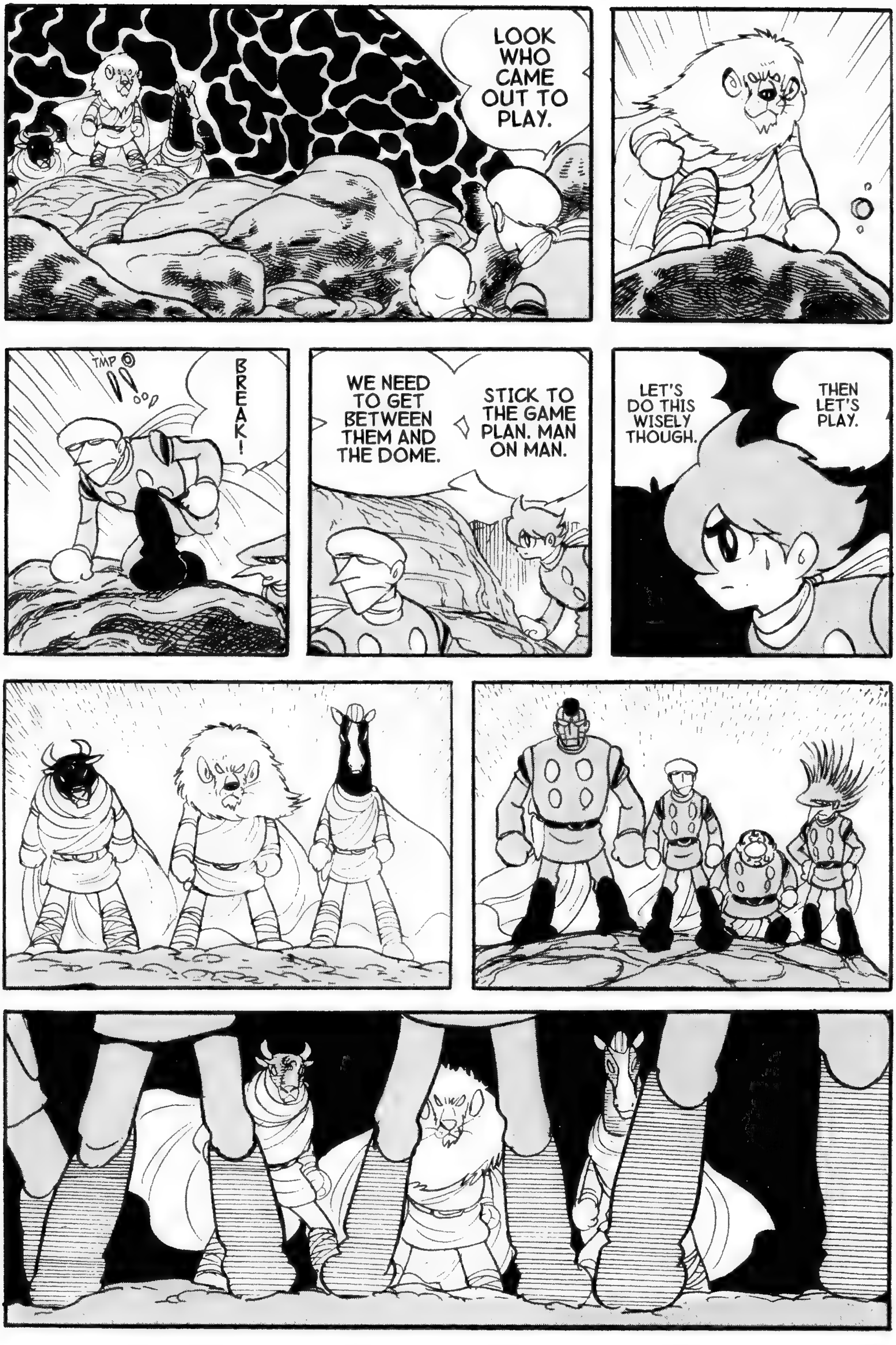
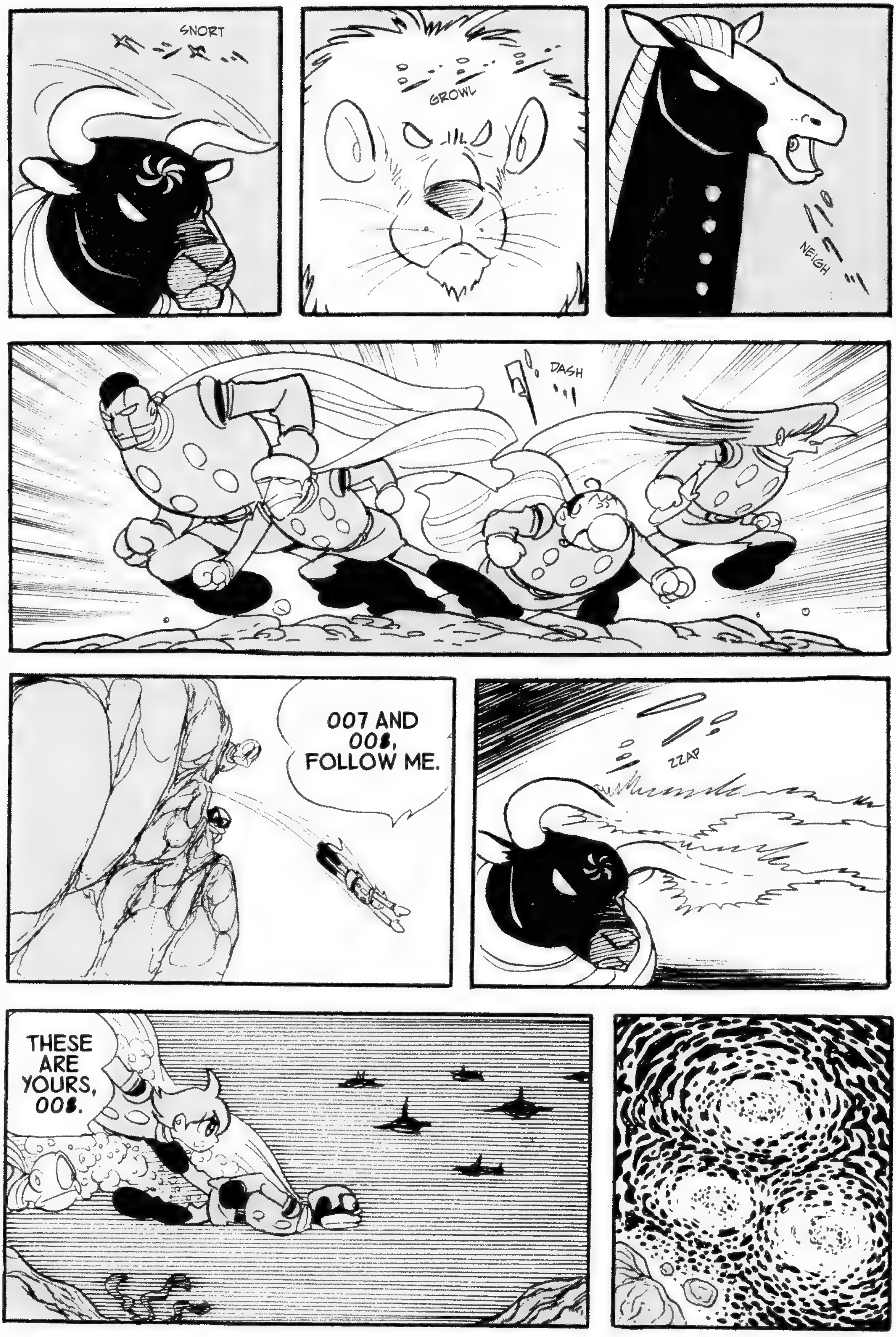
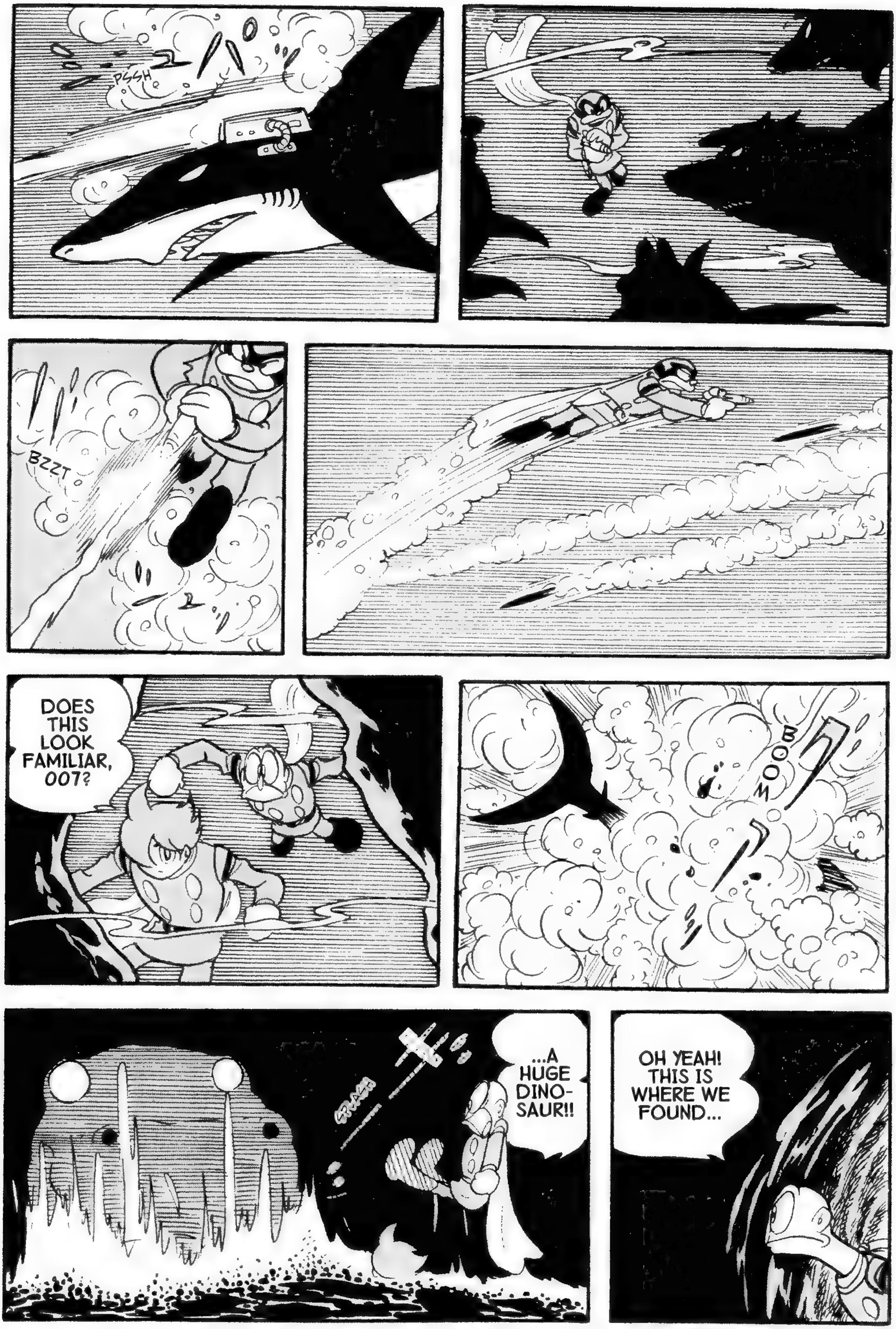
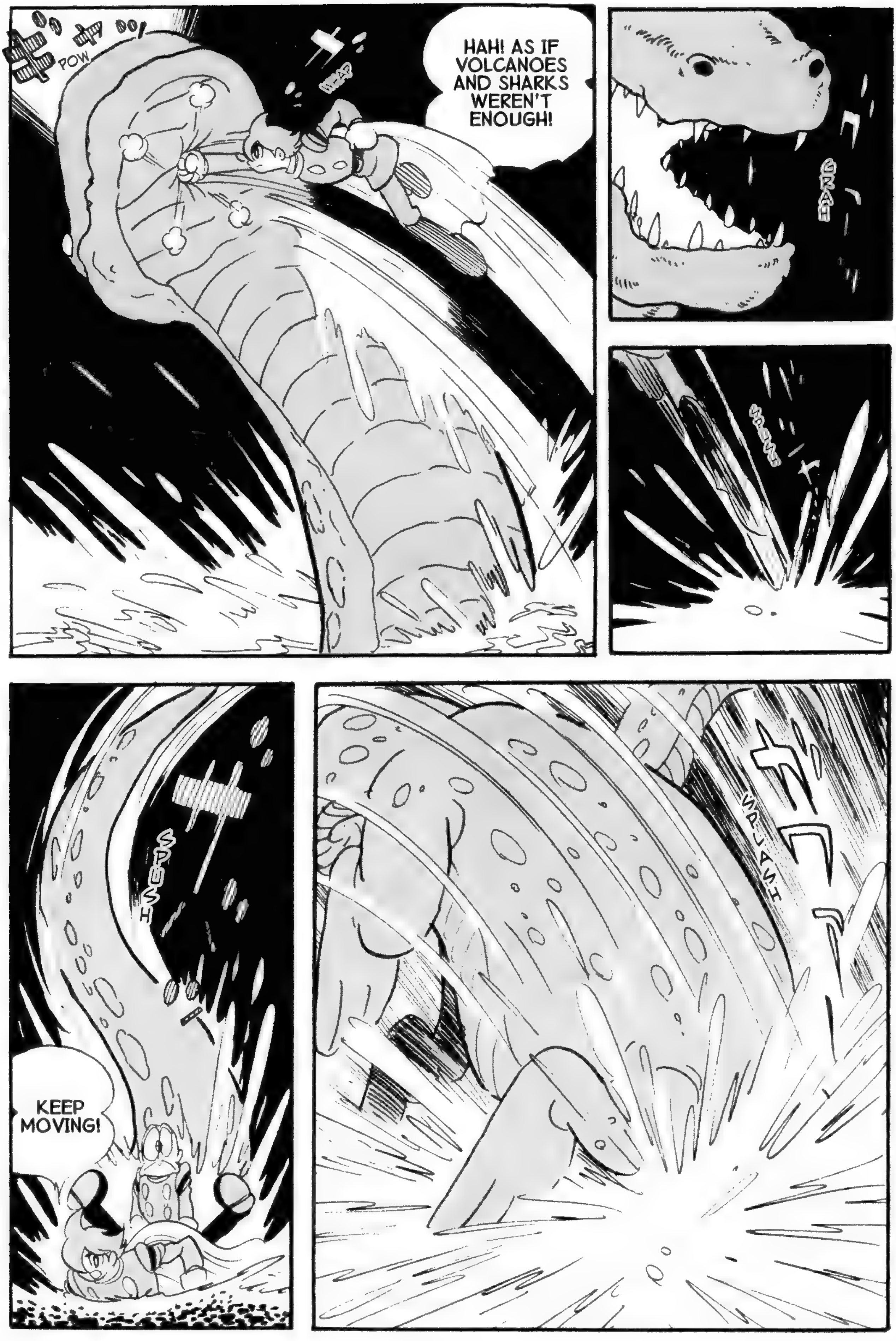
GA GA GA
WHAT'S THIS?!
FEELS LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE!
KRAK
THE GROUND IS SPLITTING APART!
WATCH OUT!
BLIMEY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THAT VOLCANO!
IT DON'T LOOK HAPPY!
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE IT BLOWS.
HERE, GUYS!
IT'S THE DOME!
73 SAMURAI

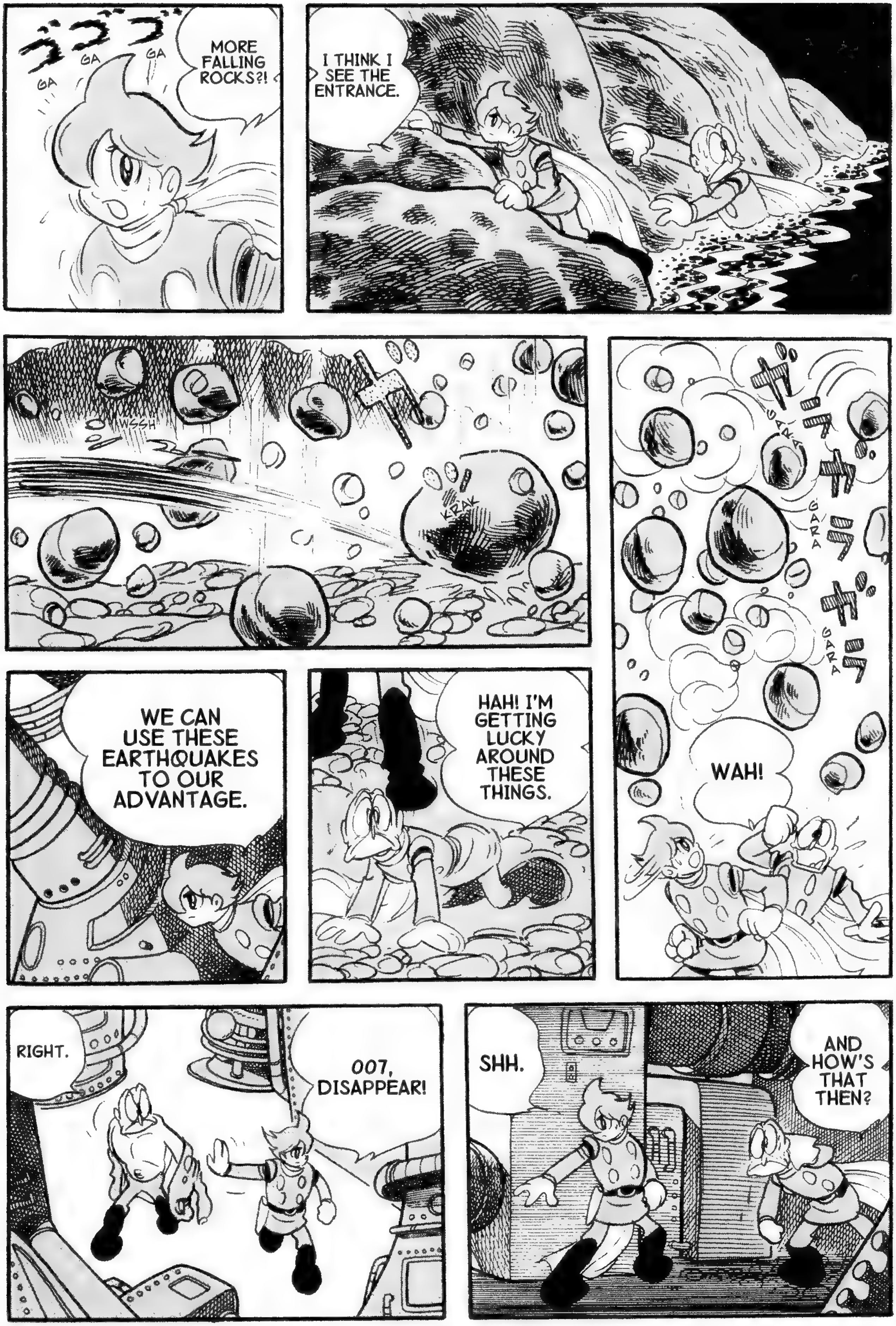

ALL RIGHT, 002. YOU FIRST!
ON MY WAY!
FWWWS
BOOM
WILL YA LOOK AT THAT? NOT EVEN A SCRATCH.
CAW CAW
GOOD WORK, 002. GET RID OF THOSE BIRDS.
GET THEIR EYES OUT OF THE SKY.
CAW CAW
THUD
TMP


LOOK WHO CAME OUT TO PLAY.
TMP
BREAK!
STICK TO THE GAME PLAN. MAN ON MAN.
WE NEED TO GET BETWEEN THEM AND THE DOME.
THEN LET'S PLAY.
LET'S DO THIS WISELY THOUGH.


SNORT
GROWL
NEIGH
DASH
007 AND 008, FOLLOW ME.
ZZAP
THESE ARE YOURS, 008.


PSSH
BZZT
BOOM
DOES THIS LOOK FAMILIAR, 007?
OH YEAH! THIS IS WHERE WE FOUND...
...A HUGE DINOSAUR!!
CRASH


POW
WHAP
HAH! AS IF VOLCANOES AND SHARKS WEREN'T ENOUGH!
GRAH
SPUSH
KEEP MOVING!
SPLASH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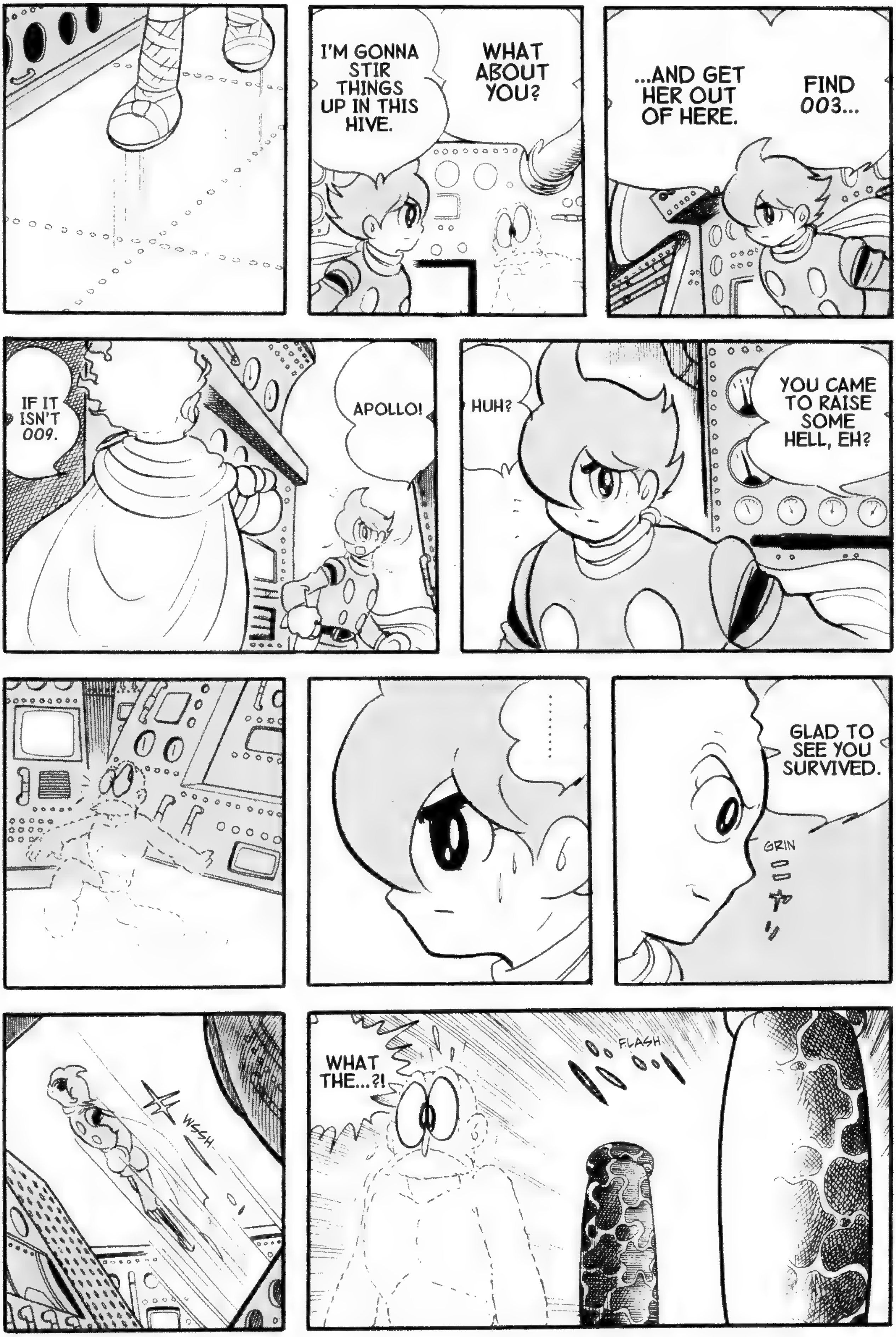
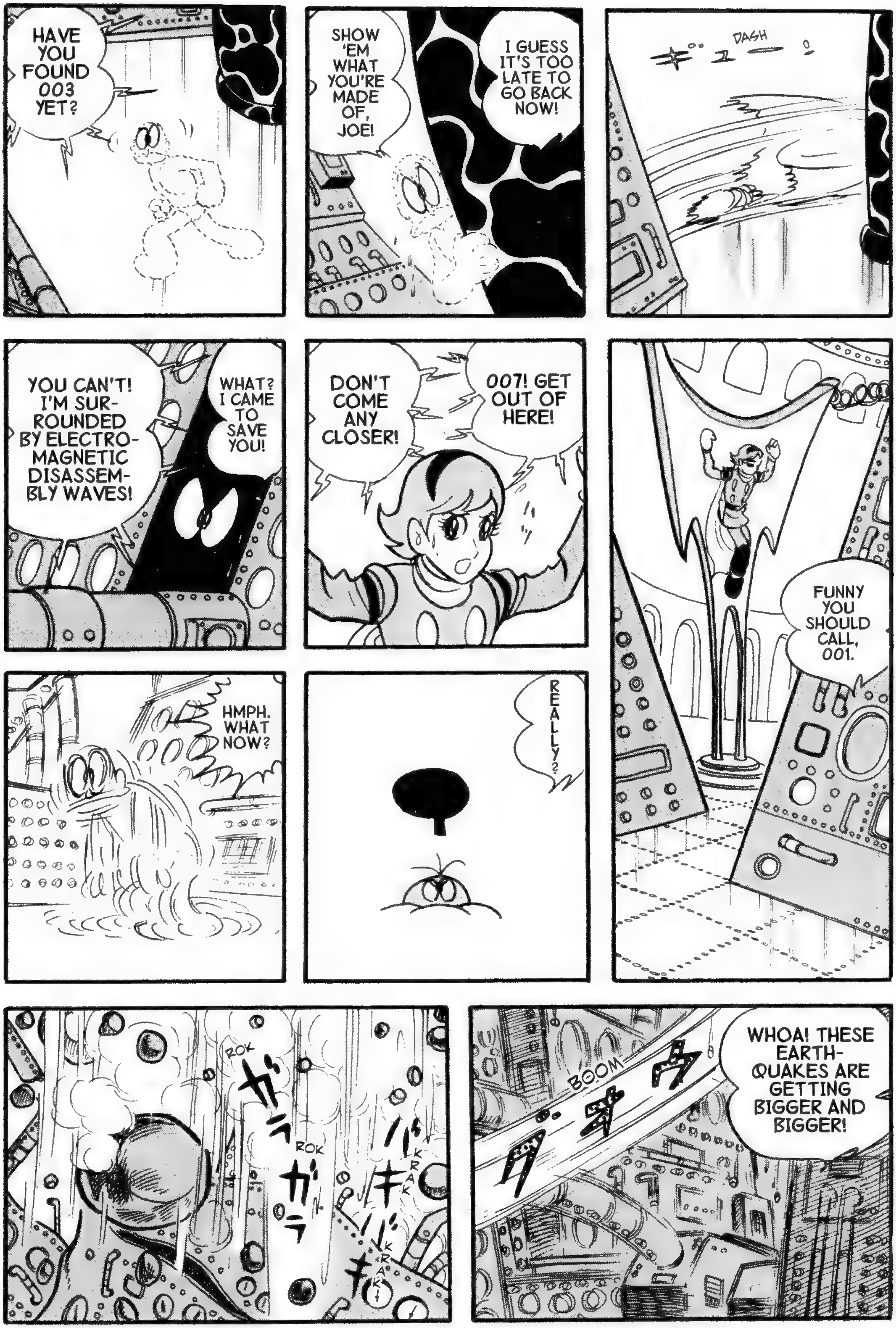
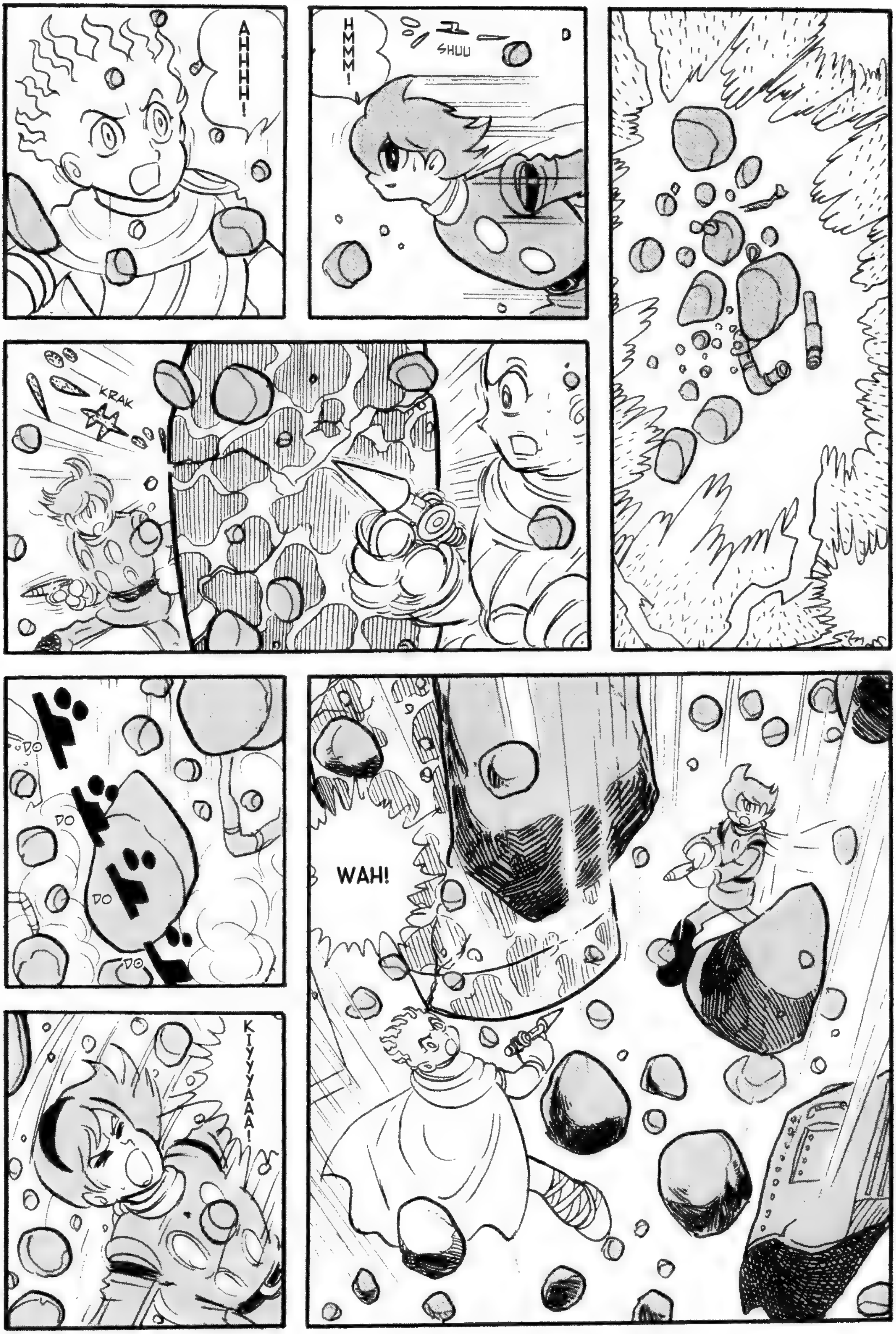
GA GA GA
MORE FALLING ROCKS?!
I THINK I SEE THE ENTRANCE.
WSSH
KRAK
ガラ
GARA
ガラ
GARA
ガラ
GARA
WAH!
WE CAN USE THESE EARTHQUAKES TO OUR ADVANTAGE.
HAH! I'M GETTING LUCKY AROUND THESE THINGS.
RIGHT.
007, DISAPPEAR!
SHH.
AND HOW'S THAT THEN?


FIND 003...
...AND GET HER OUT OF HERE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'M GONNA STIR THINGS UP IN THIS HIVE.
YOU CAME TO RAISE SOME HELL, EH?
HUH?
APOLLO!
IF IT ISN'T 009.
GLAD TO SEE YOU SURVIVED.
GRIN
......
FLASH
WHAT THE...?!
WSSH


HAVE YOU FOUND 003 YET?
I GUESS IT'S TOO LATE TO GO BACK NOW!
SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF, JOE!
DASH
WHAT? I CAME TO SAVE YOU!
YOU CAN'T! I'M SURROUNDED BY ELECTROMAGNETIC DISASSEMBLY WAVES!
007! GET OUT OF HERE!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
FUNNY YOU SHOULD CALL, 001.
HMPH. WHAT NOW?
REALLY?
ROK
ガラ
ROK
ガラ
KRAK
バキ
KRAK
バキ
BOOM
WHOA! THESE EARTHQUAKES ARE GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER!


HMMM!
SHUU
AHHHH!
KRAK
WAH!
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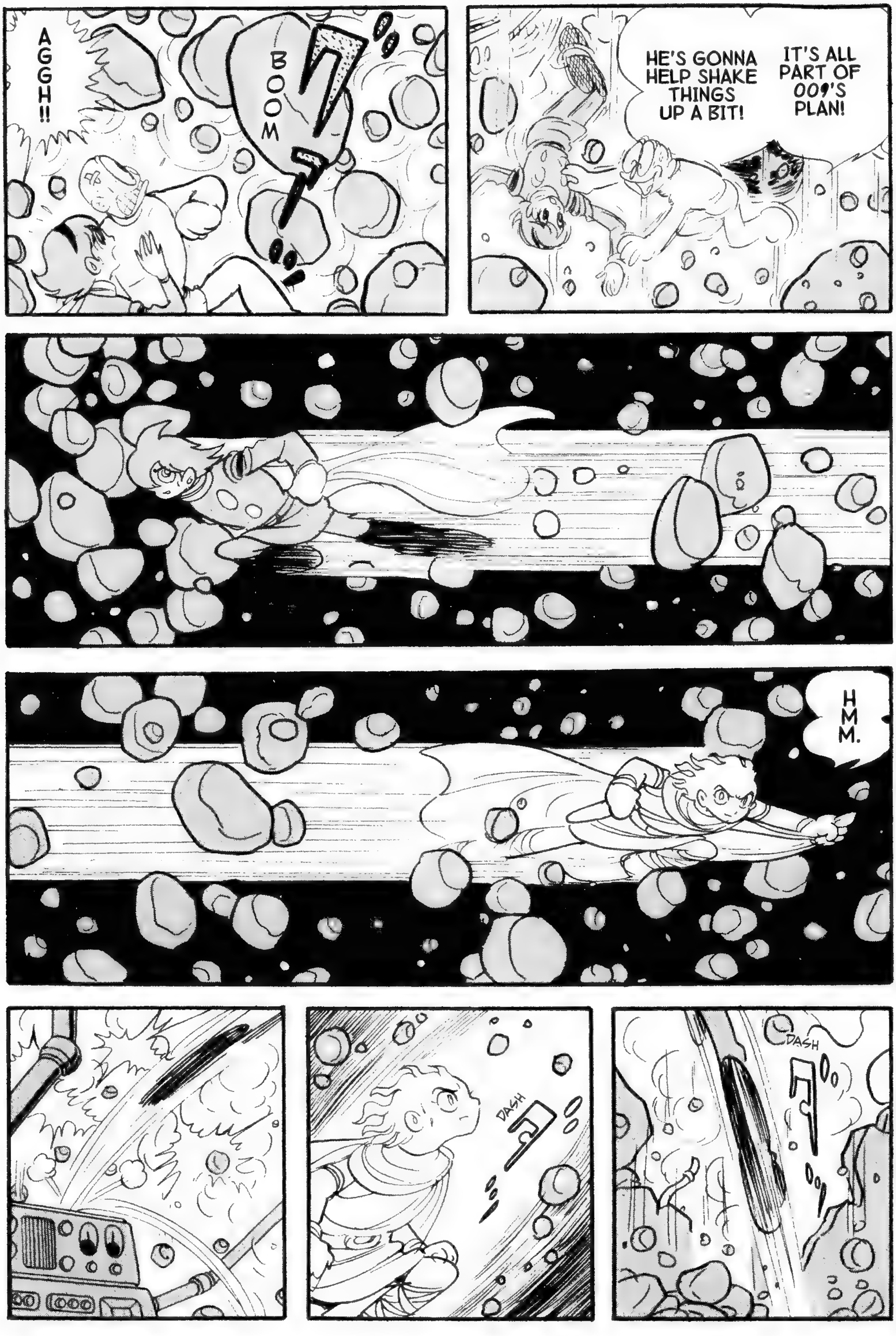
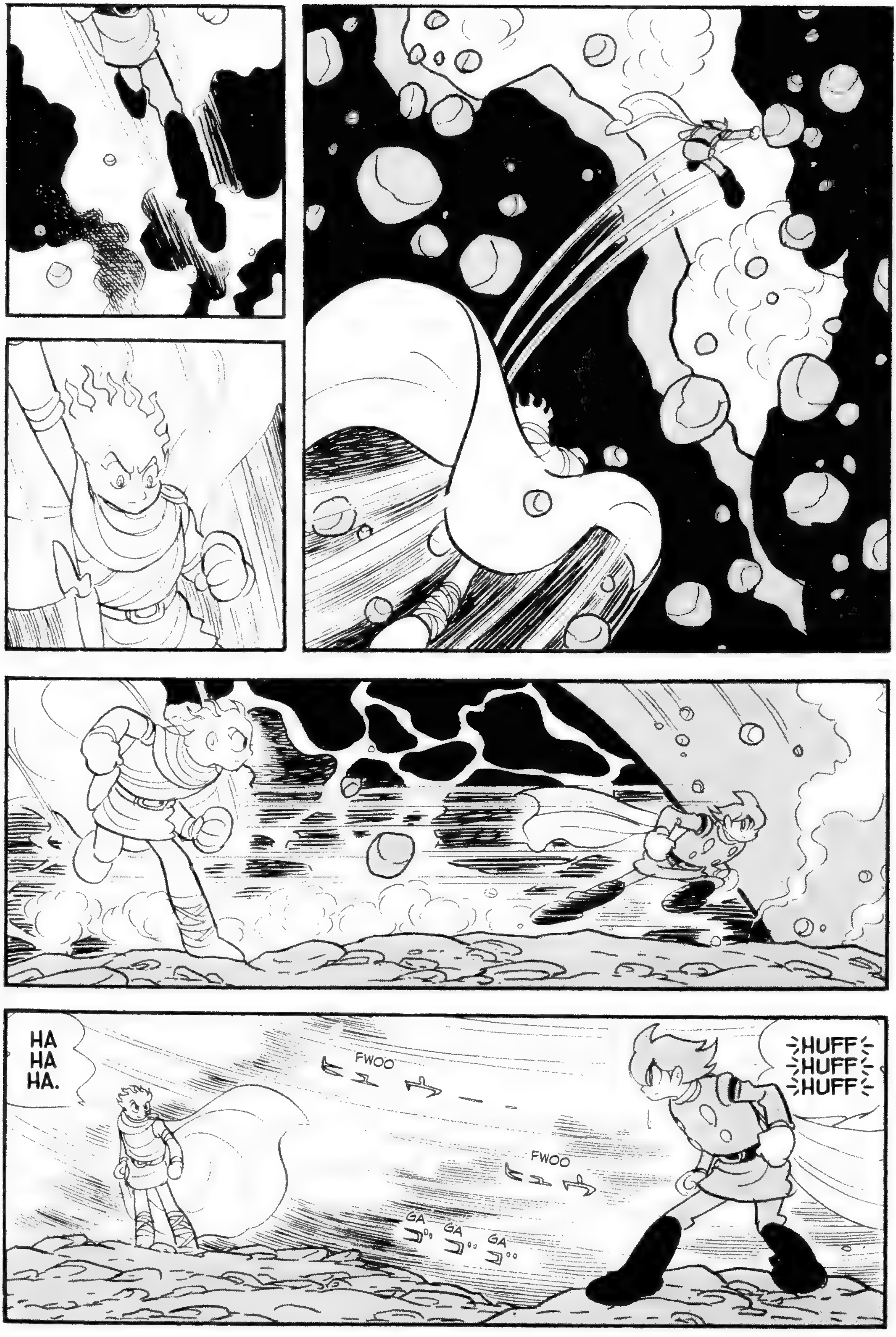
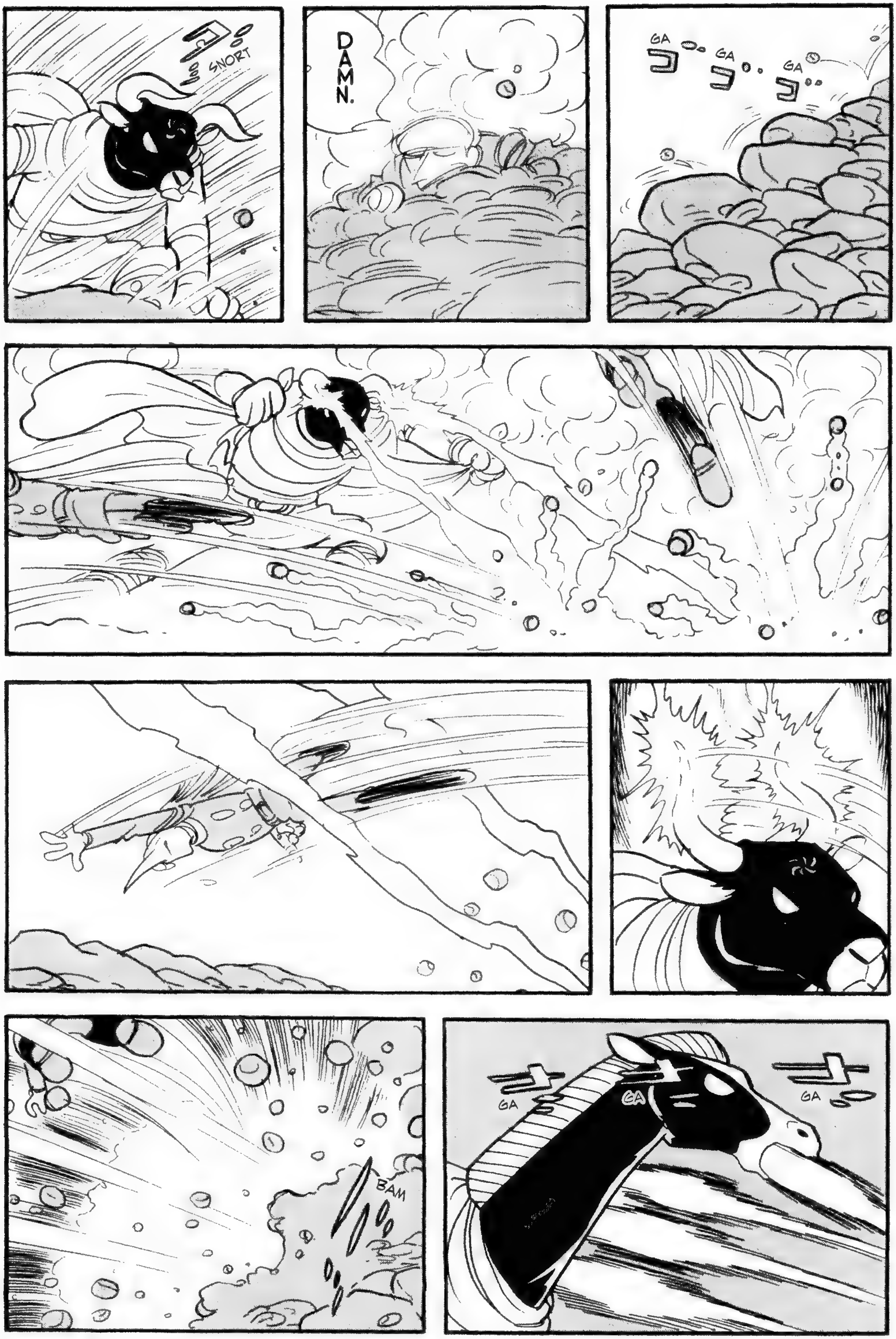
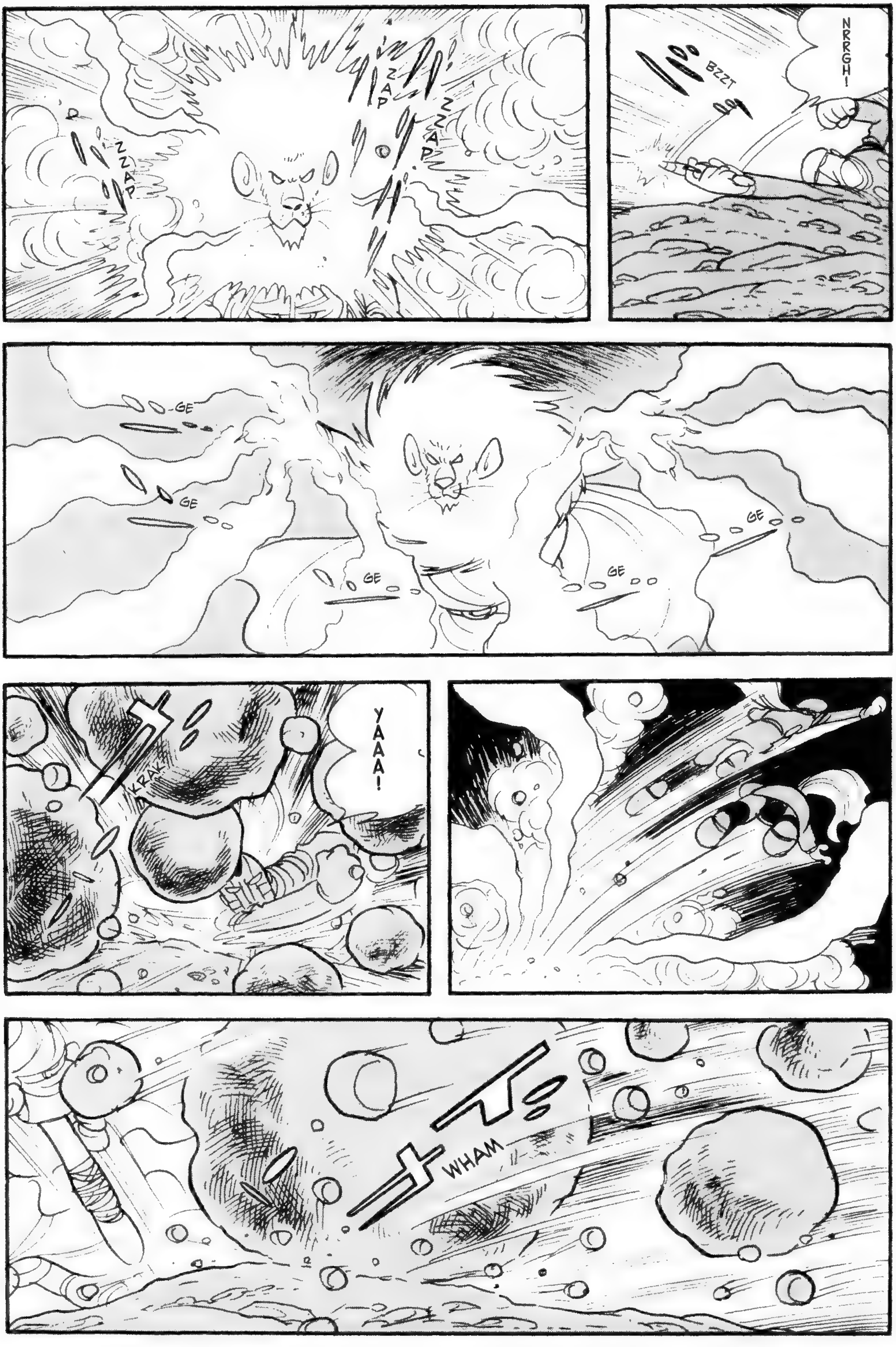
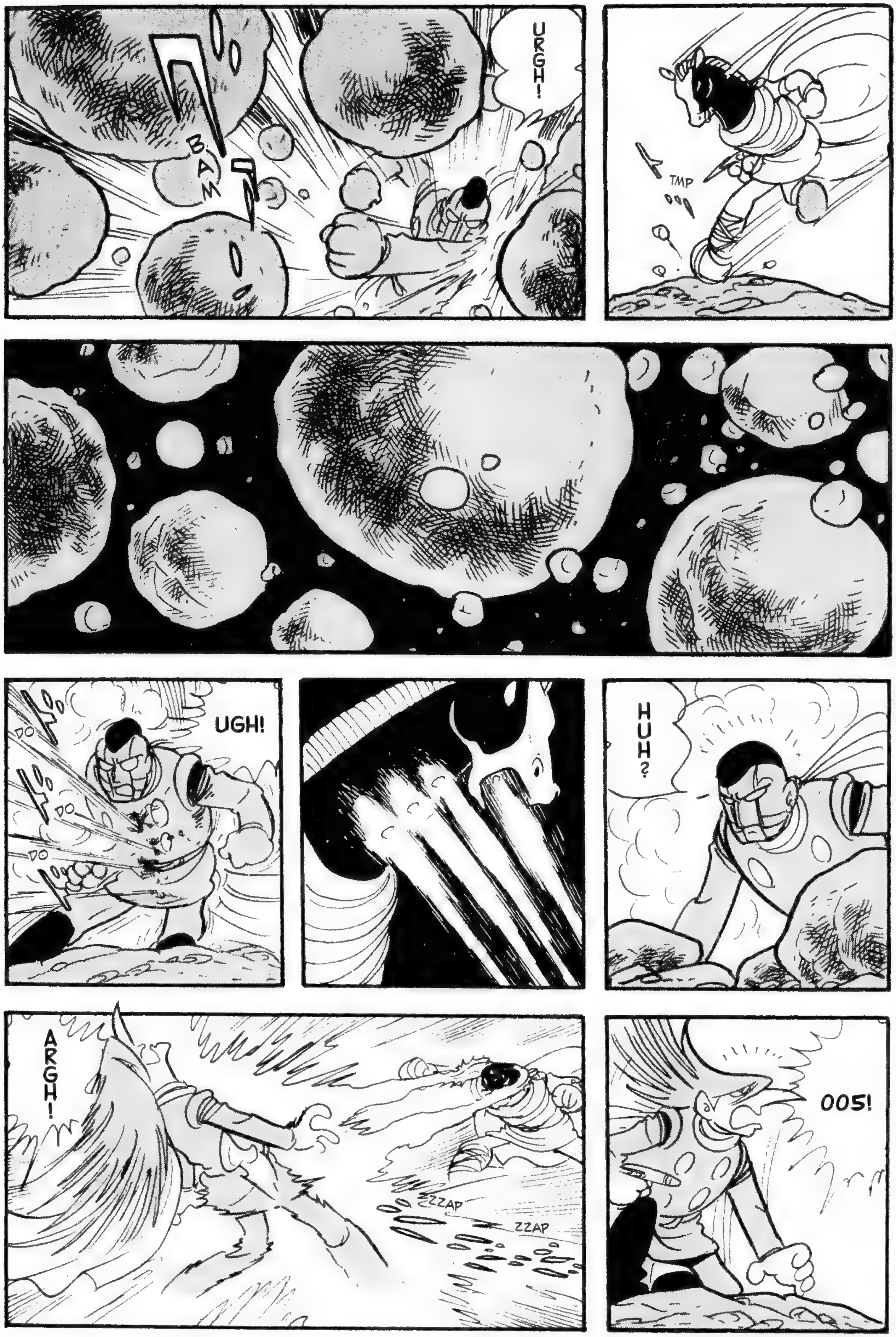
KIYYYAAA!

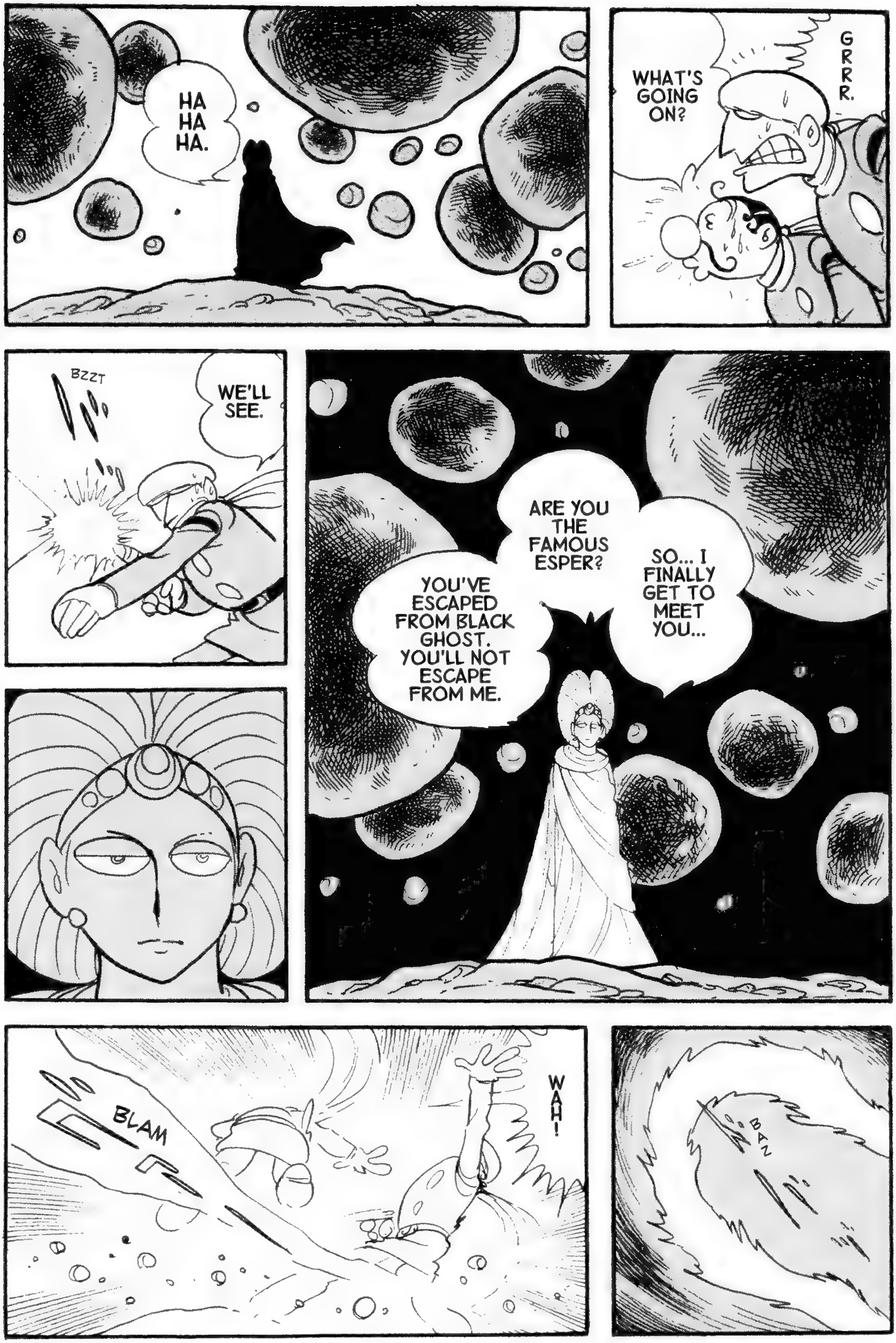

IT'S ALL PART OF 009'S PLAN!
HE'S GONNA HELP SHAKE THINGS UP A BIT!
BOOM
AGGH!!
HMM.
DASH
DASH

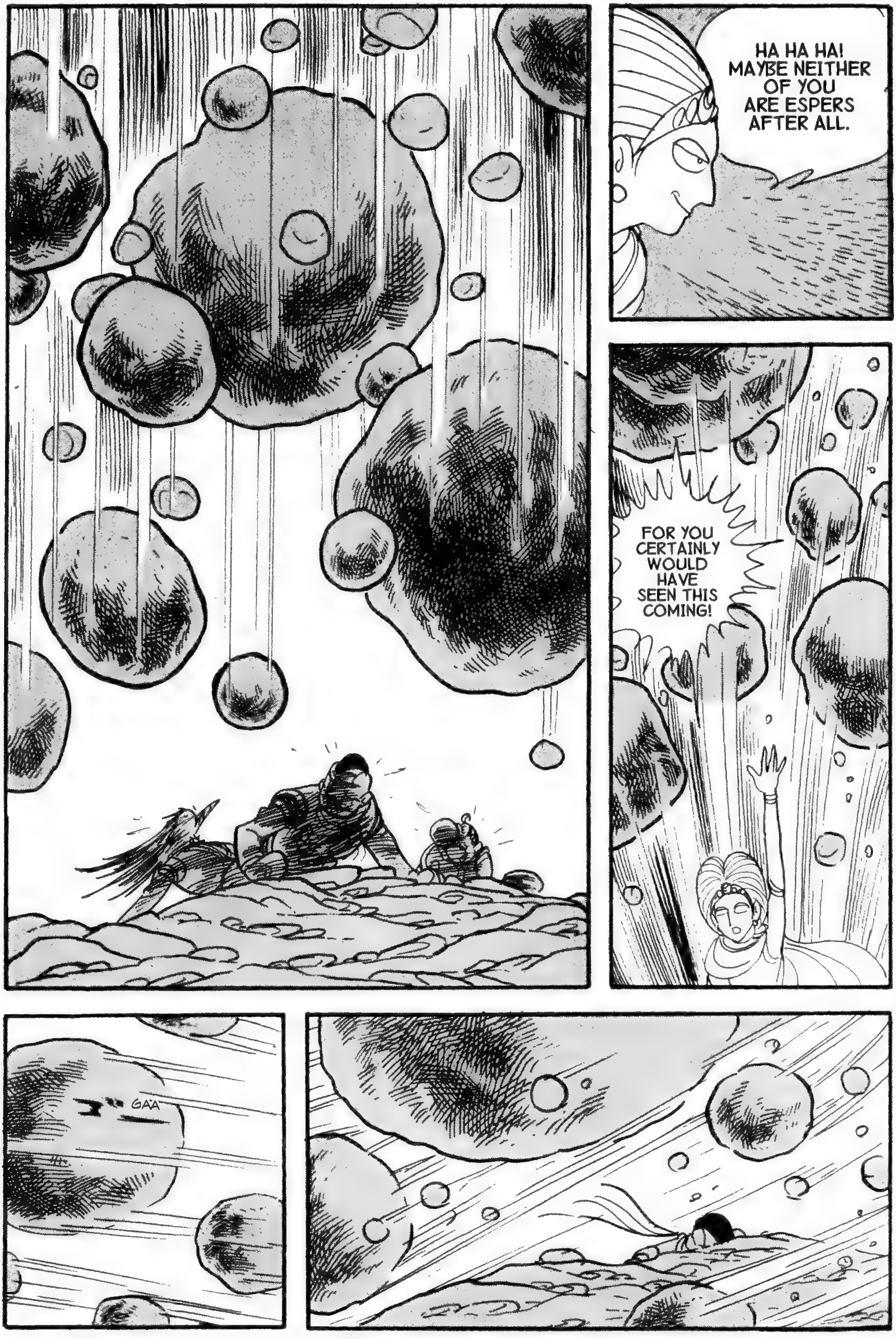

HA HA HA.
FWOO
FWOO
GA GA GA
HUFF HUFF HUFF

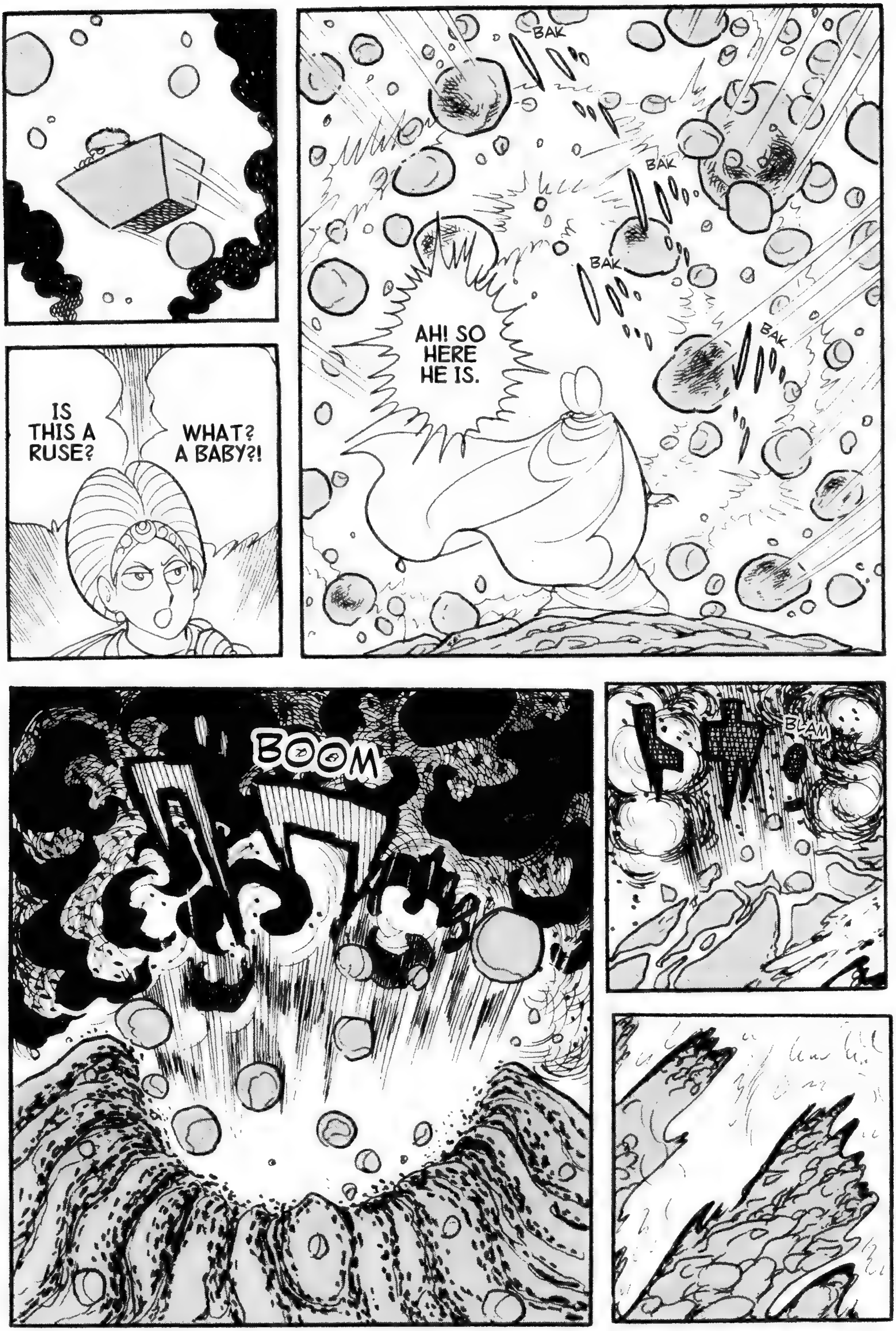

SNORT
DAMN.
GA GA GA
BAM
GA GA GA

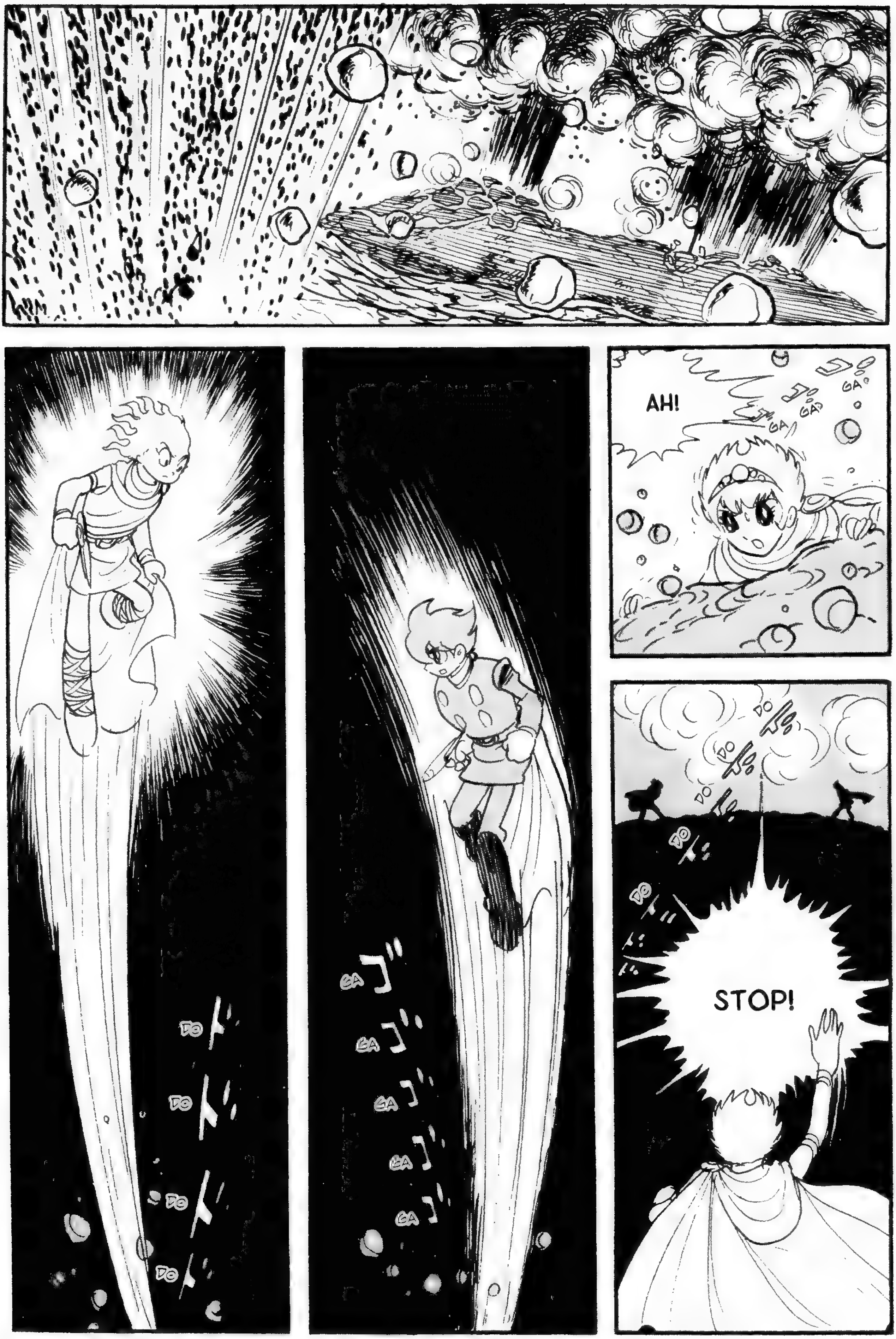

ZZZAP
ZZAP
ZZZAP
BZZT
NRRGH!
GE
GE
GE
GE
GE
KRAK
YAAAA!
WHAM

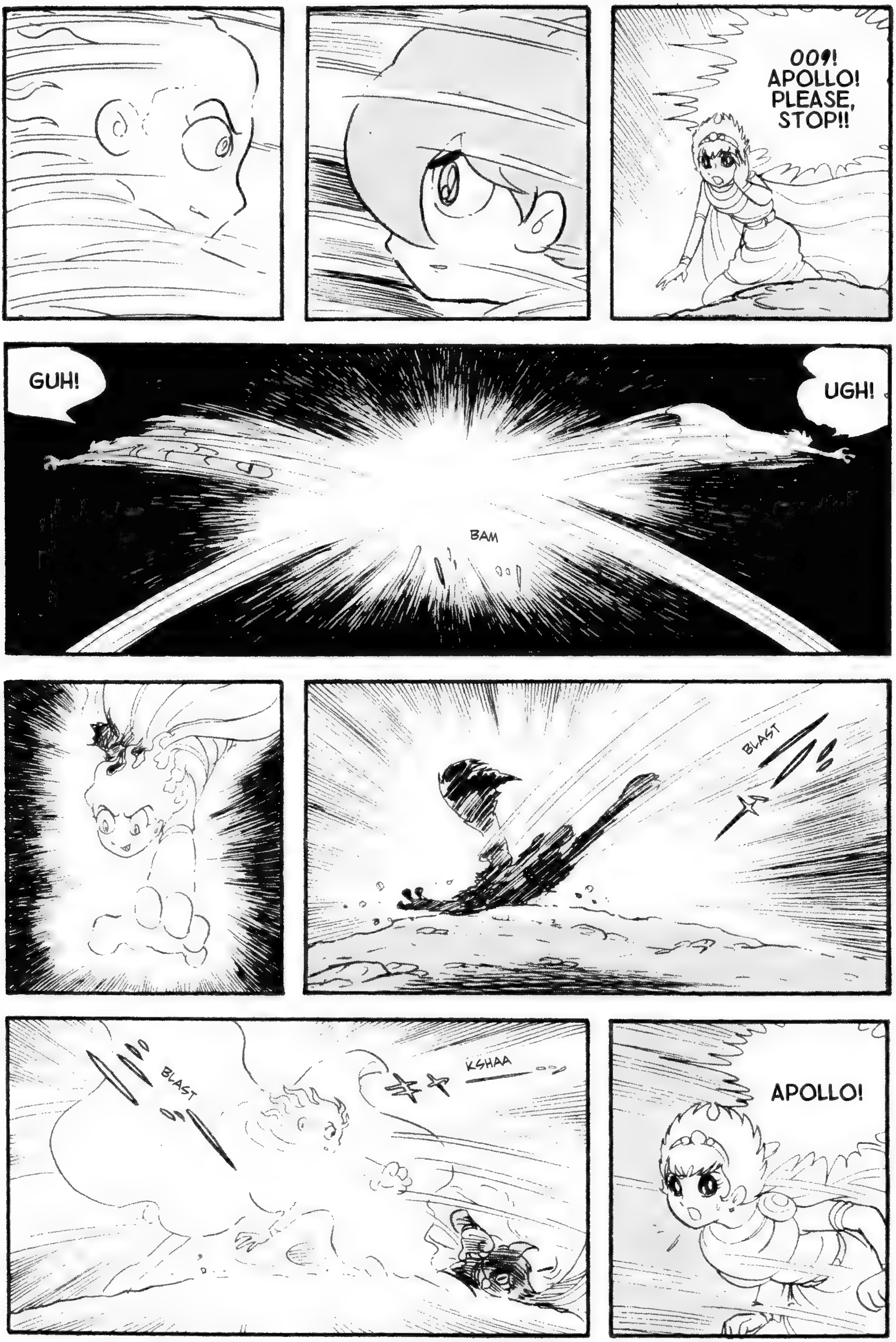

BAM
URGH!
TMP
DO
DO
DO
UGH!
HUH?
ARGH!
ZZAP
ZZAP
OOS!

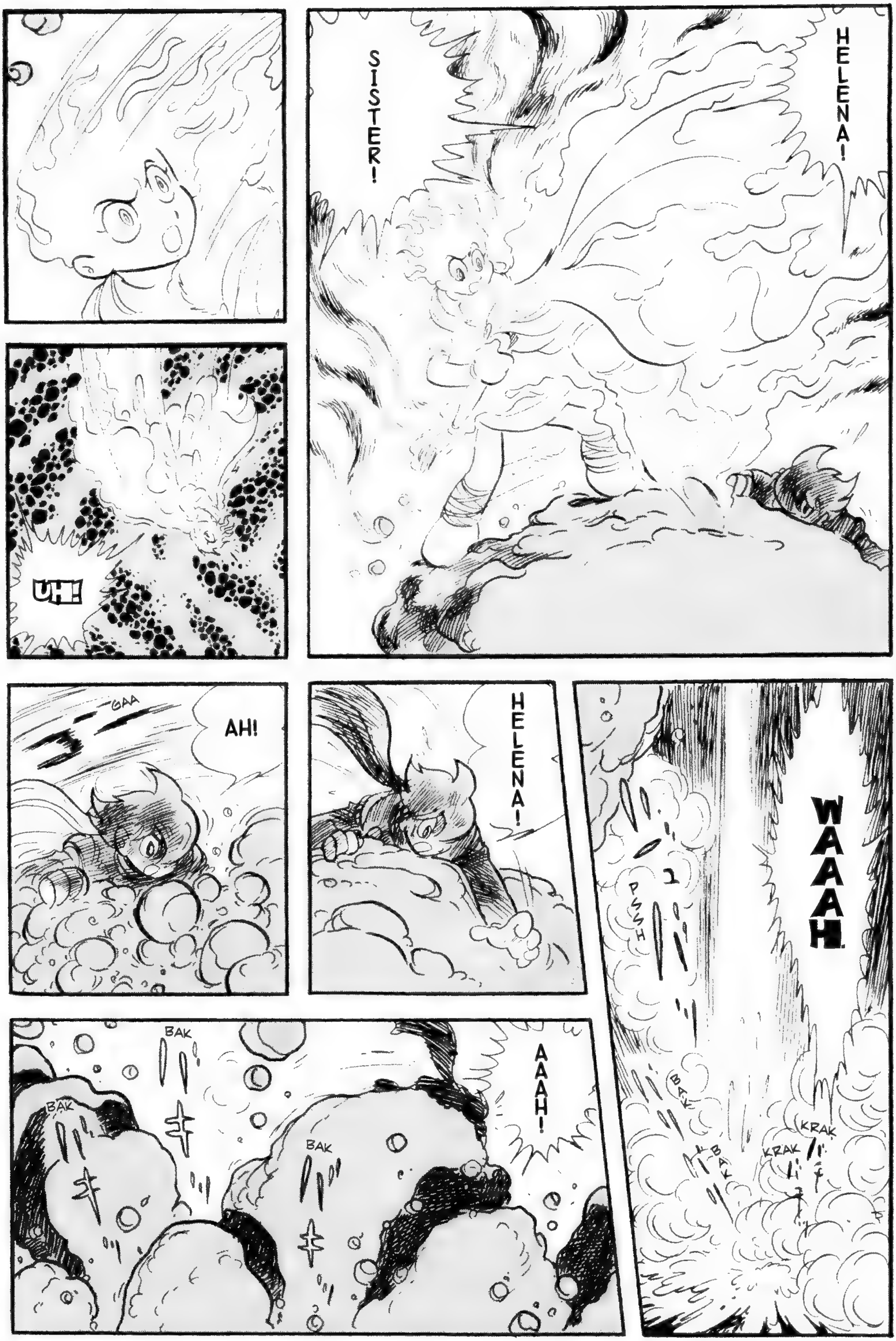

HA HA HA.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
GRRR.
BZZT
WE'LL SEE.
ARE YOU THE FAMOUS ESPER?
SO... I FINALLY GET TO MEET YOU...
YOU'VE ESCAPED FROM BLACK GHOST. YOU'LL NOT ESCAPE FROM ME.
BLAM
WAH!
BAN

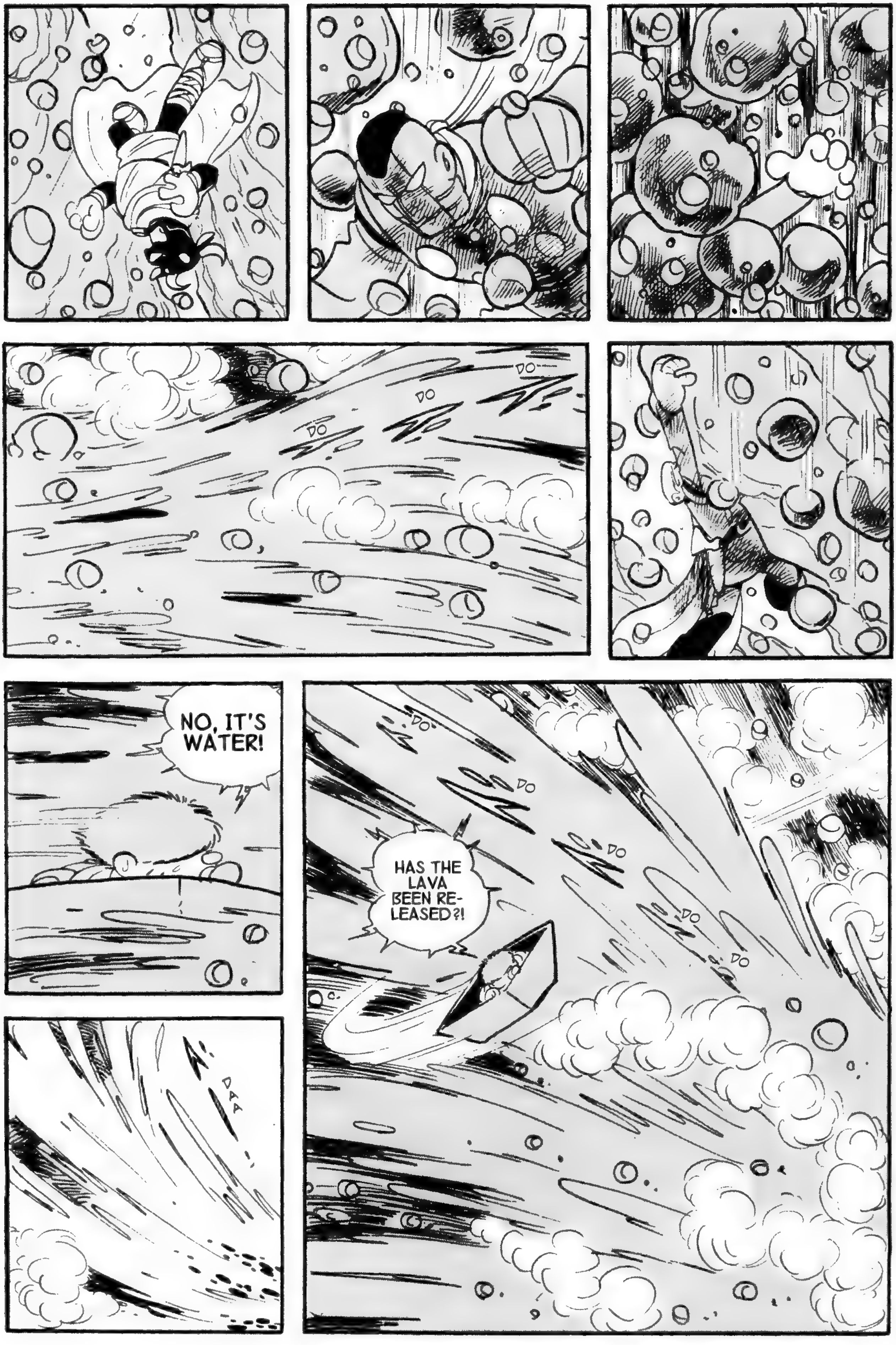

HA HA HA! MAYBE NEITHER OF YOU ARE ESPERS AFTER ALL.
FOR YOU CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE SEEN THIS COMING!
GAĀ

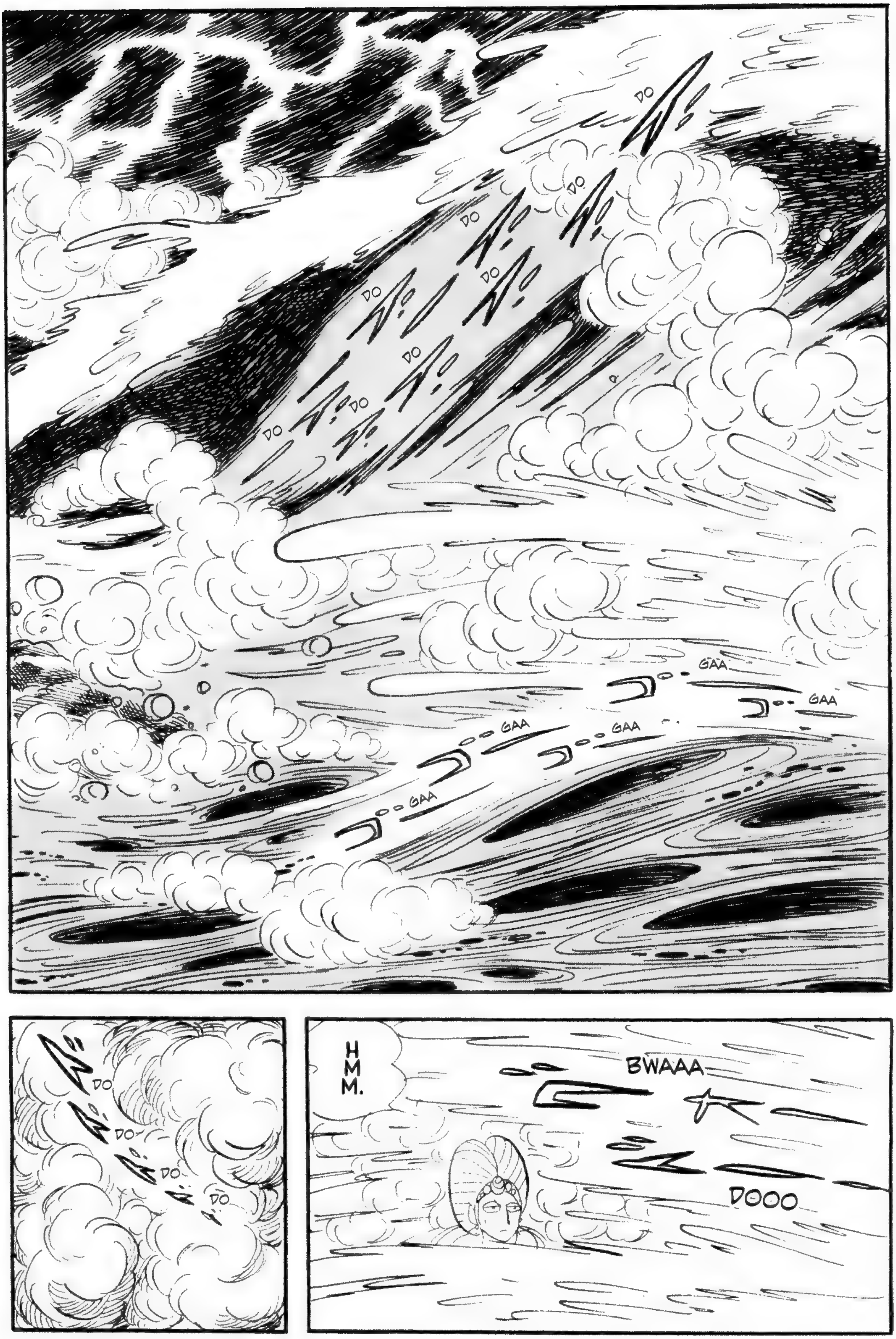

WHAT? A BABY?!
IS THIS A RUSE?
BAK
BAK
BAK
BAK
AH! SO HERE HE IS.
BOOM
BLAM


AH!
GA GA GA GA
DO DO DO DO
DO DO DO
STOP!
GA ゴ GA ゴ GA ゴ GA ゴ GA ゴ
DO ド DO ド DO ド DO ド


009! APOLLO! PLEASE, STOP!!
GUH!
BAM
UGH!
BLAST
BLAST
KSHAA
APOLLO!


UH!
SISTER!
HELENA!
GAA
AH!
HELENA!
WAAAAH!
PSSH
BAK
BAK
KRAK
KRAK
BAK
BAK
BAK
AAAH!


DO
DO
DO
NO, IT'S WATER!
DAA
DO
DO
HAS THE LAVA BEEN RE-LEASED?!
DO
DO
DO
DO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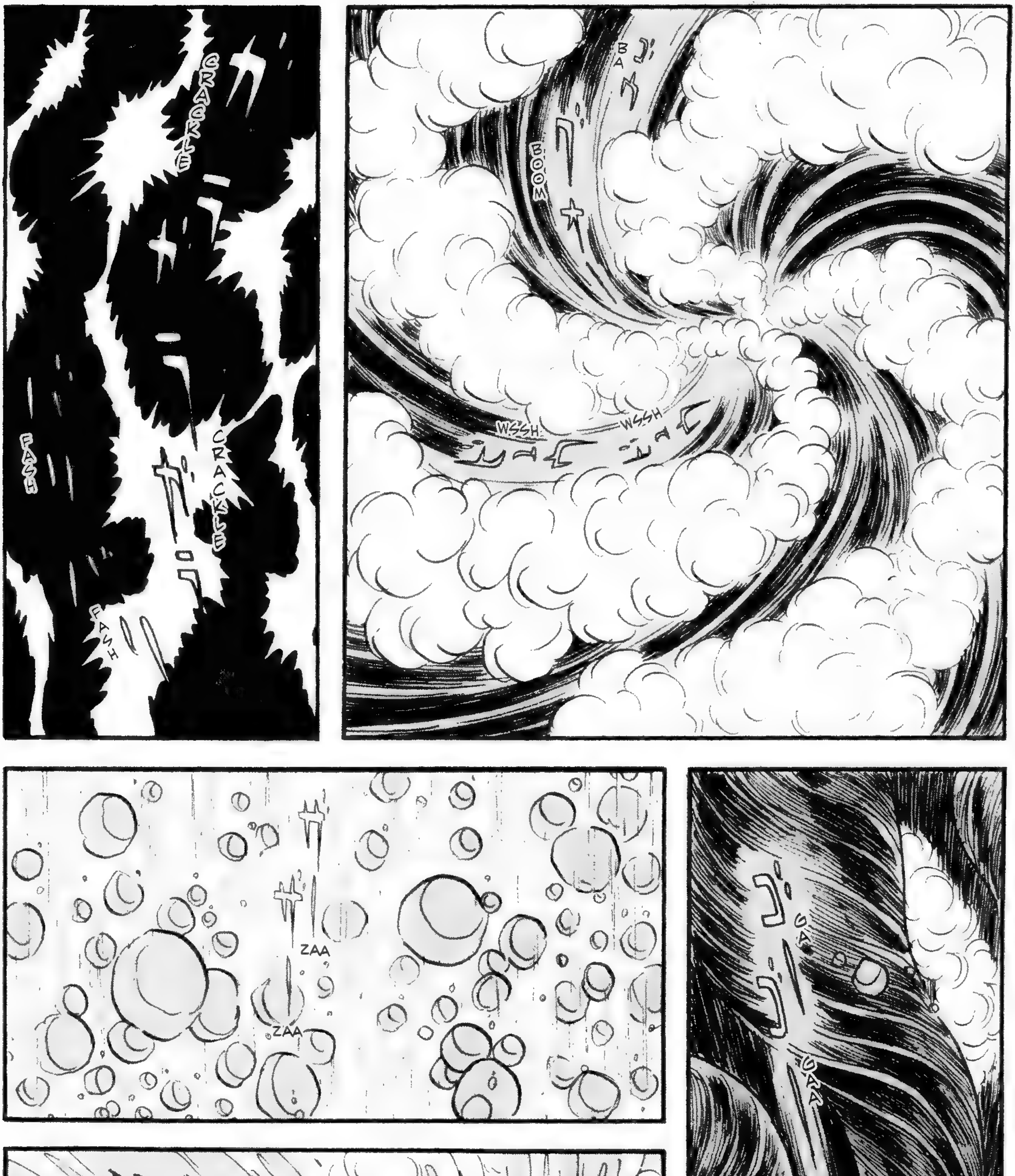
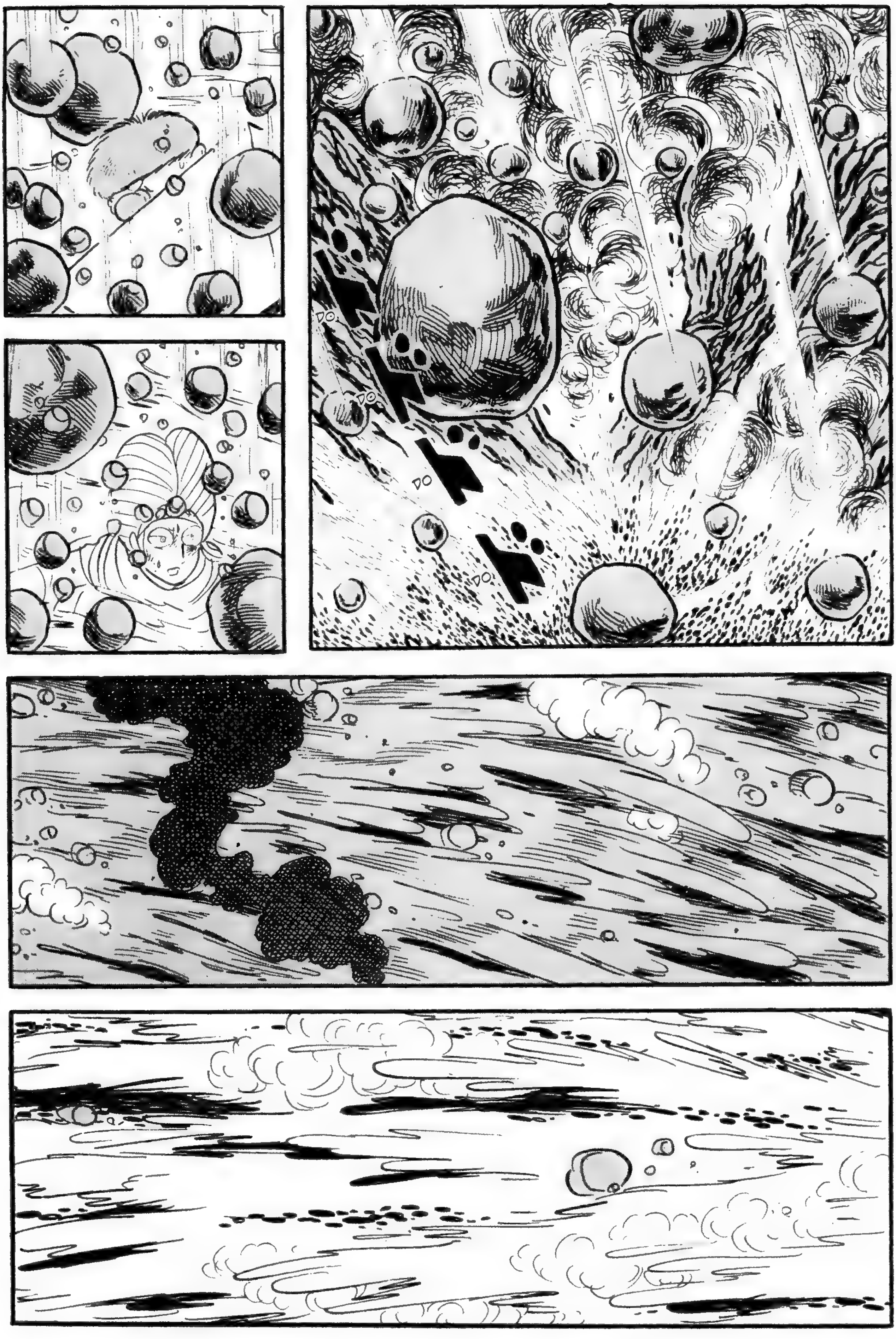
BWAAA
DOOO


BA
BOOM
WSSH
WSSH
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
FASH
FASH
GA
GAA
ZAA
ZAA
DO
DO
DO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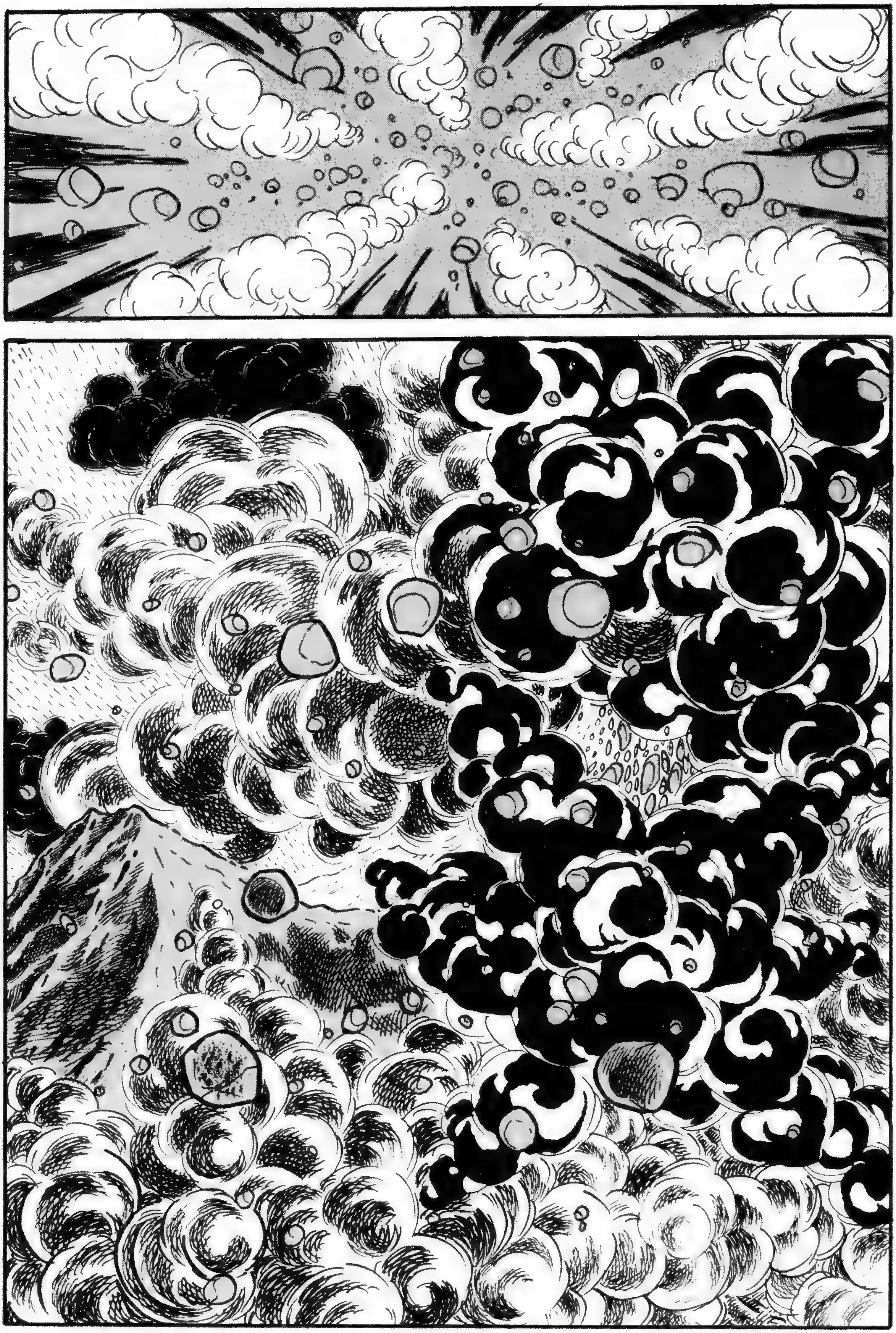

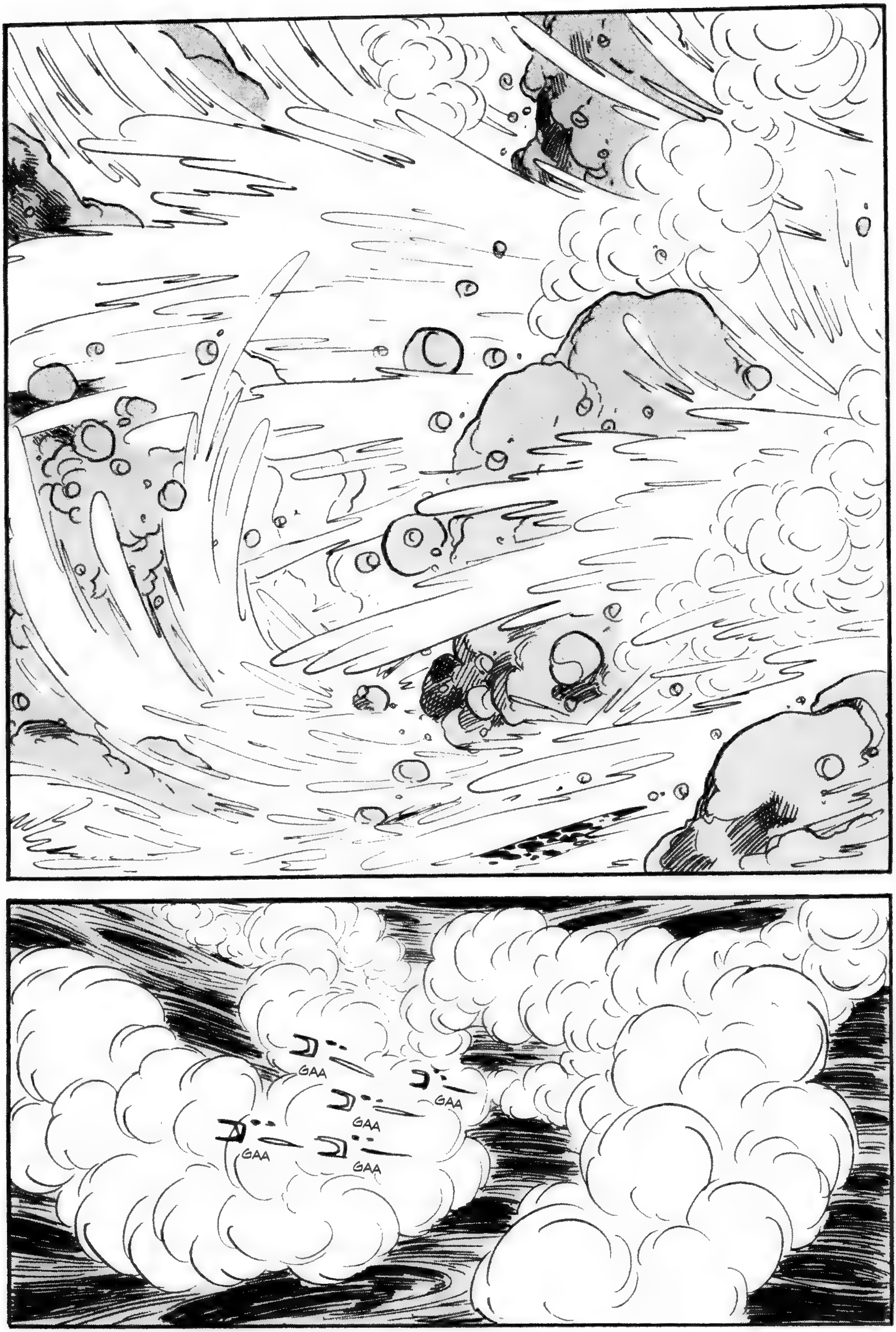
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GAA
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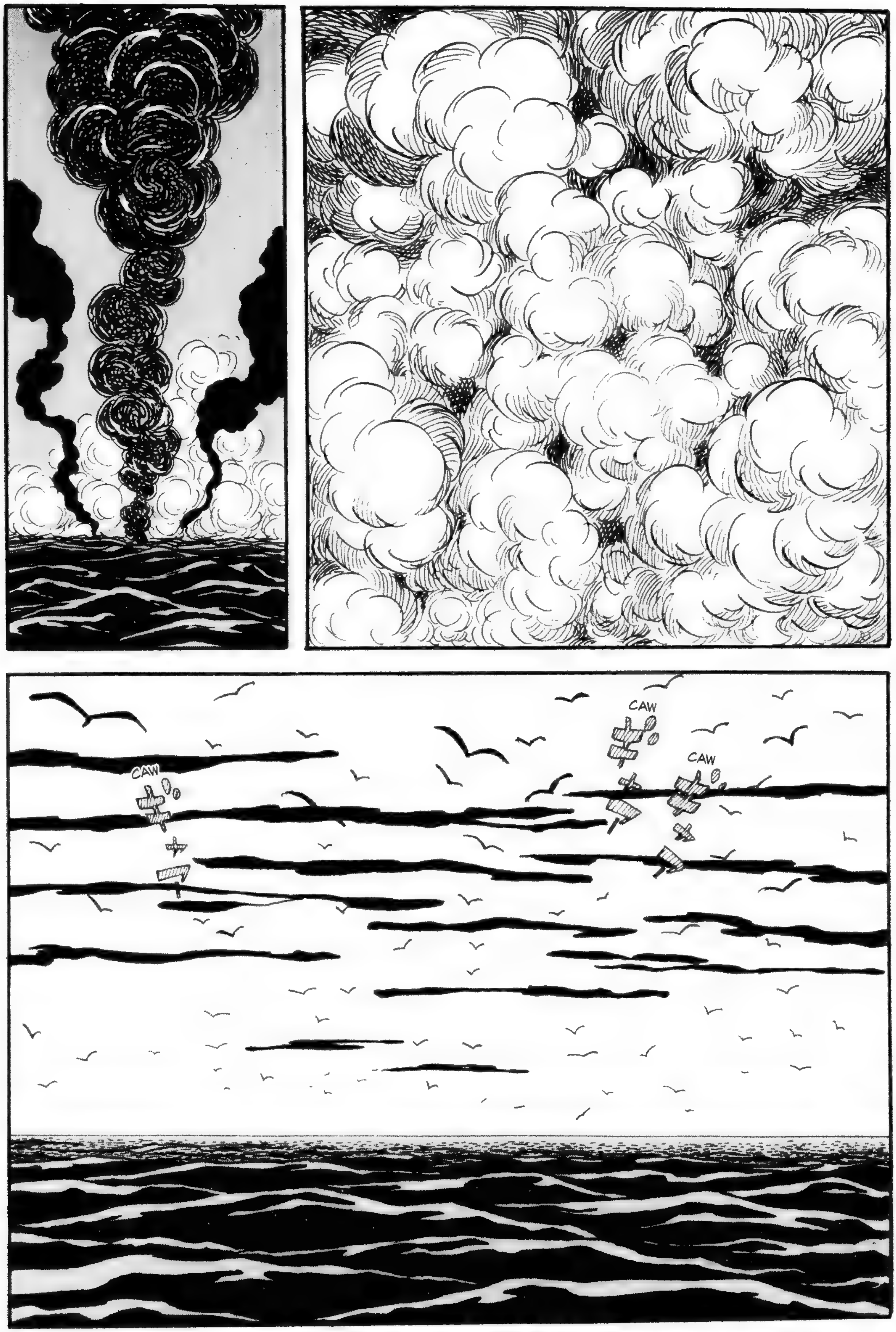
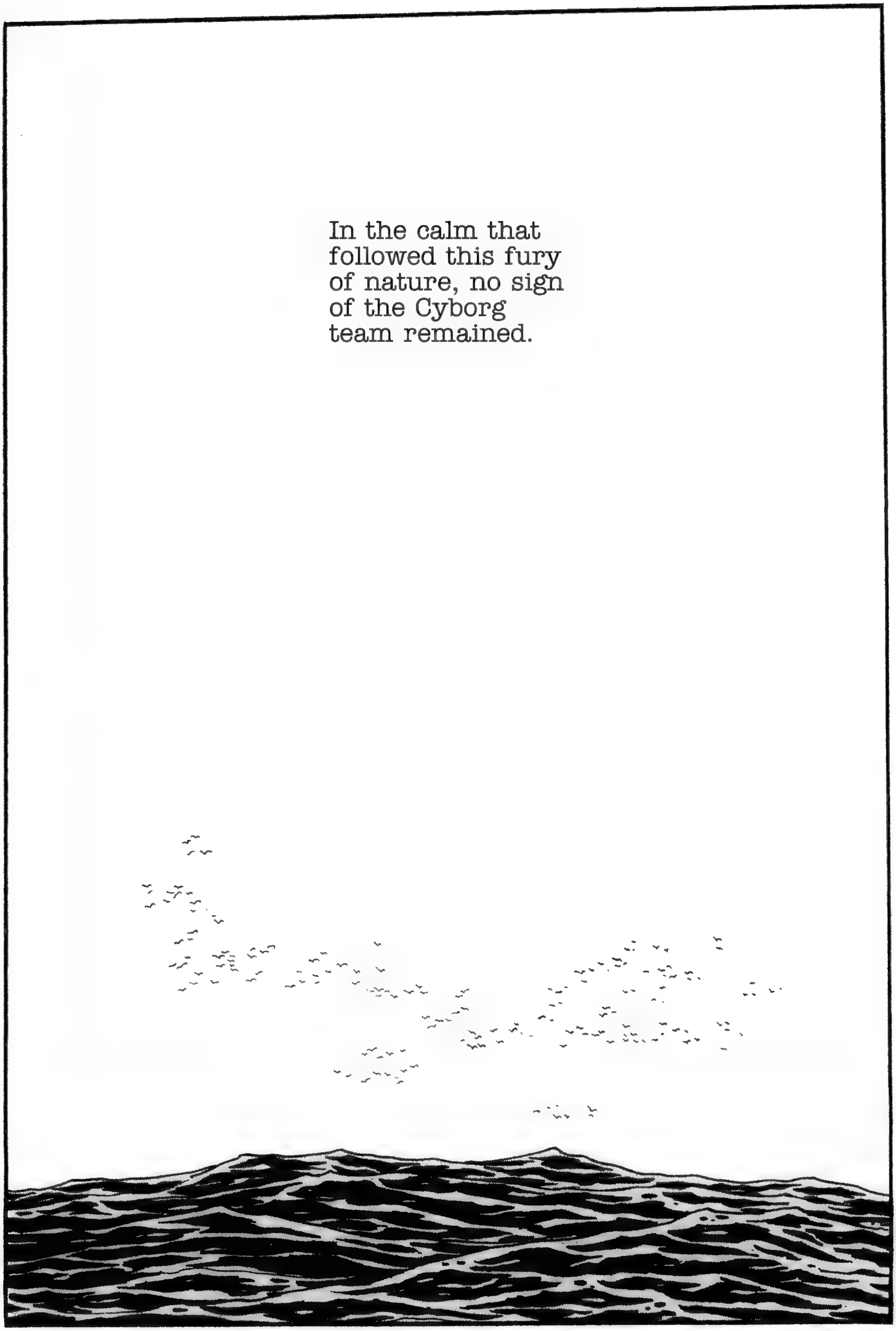
GAA


CAW
CAW
CAW


In the calm that followed this fury of nature, no sign of the Cyborg team remained.

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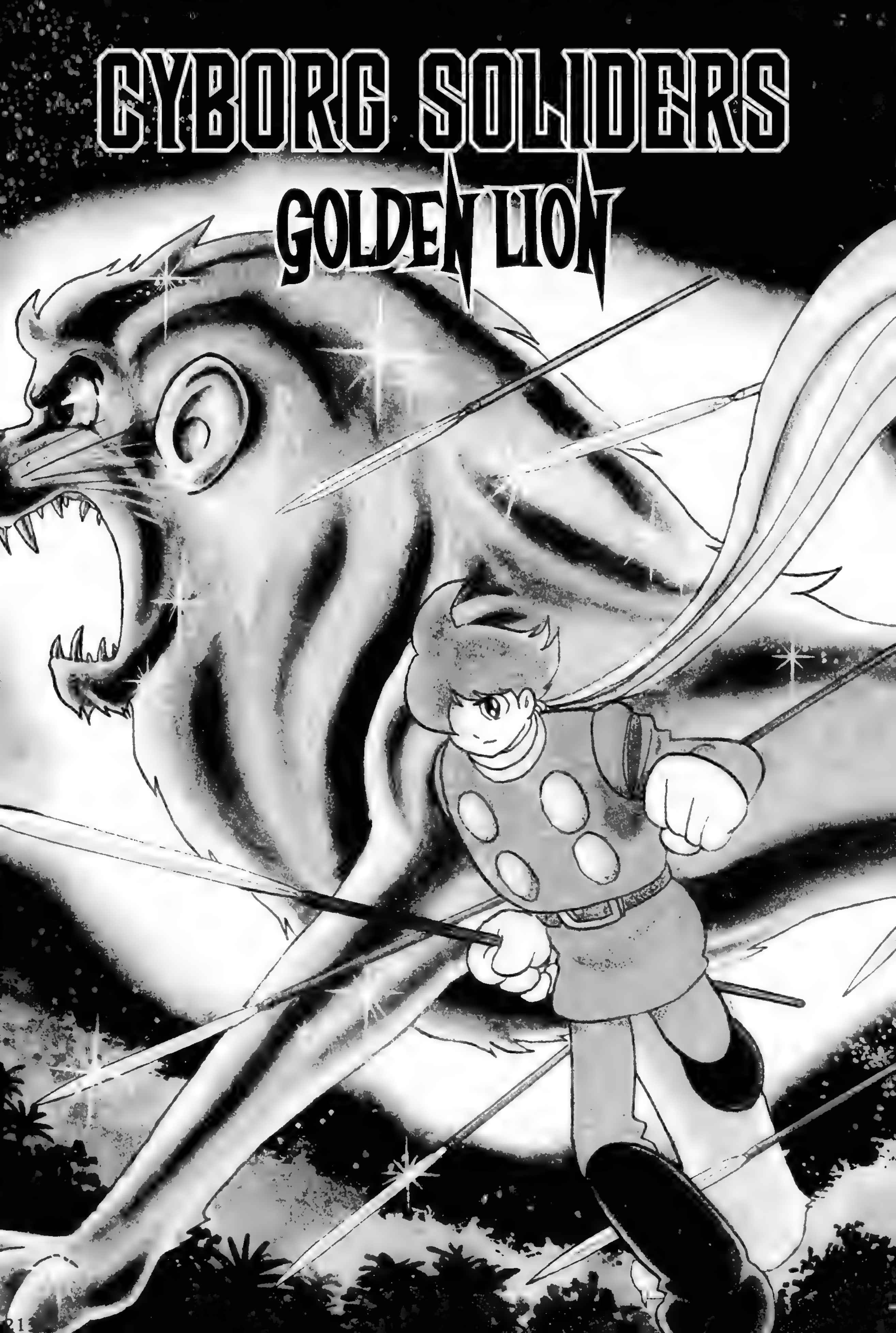
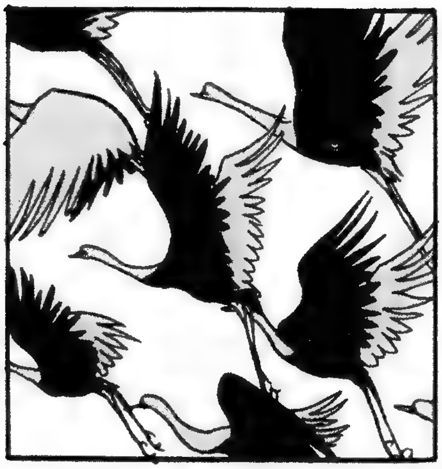
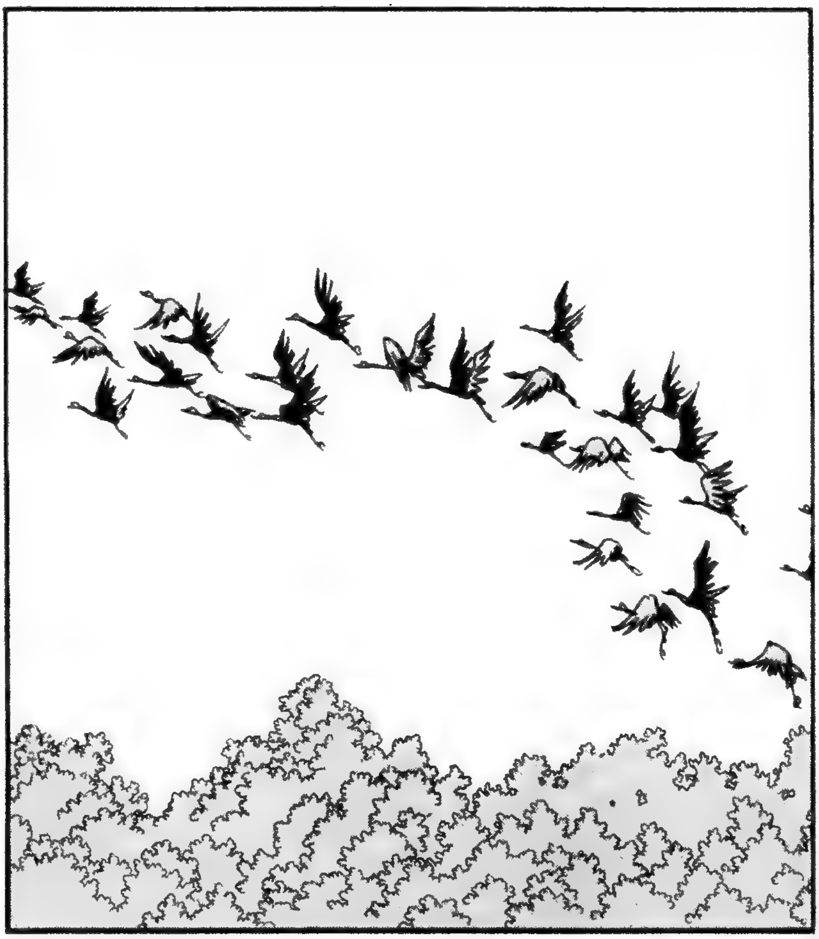
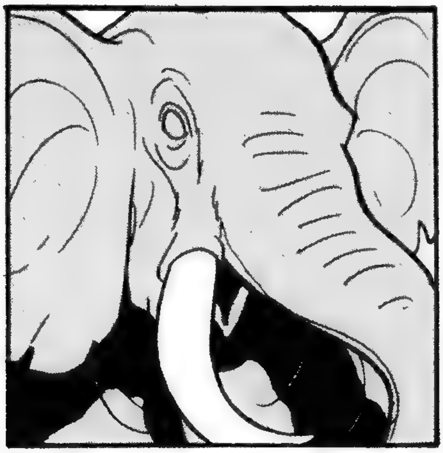
CYBORG SOLIDERS

GOLDEN LION









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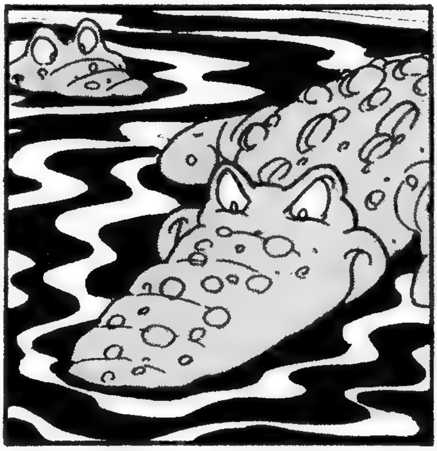
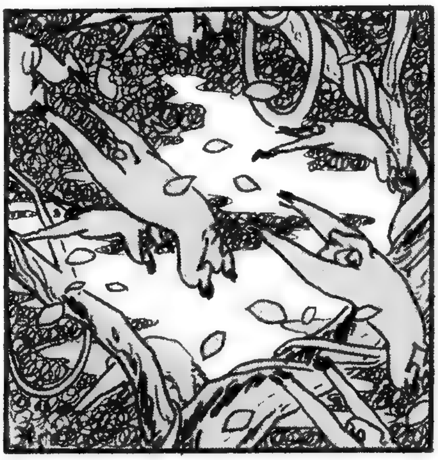
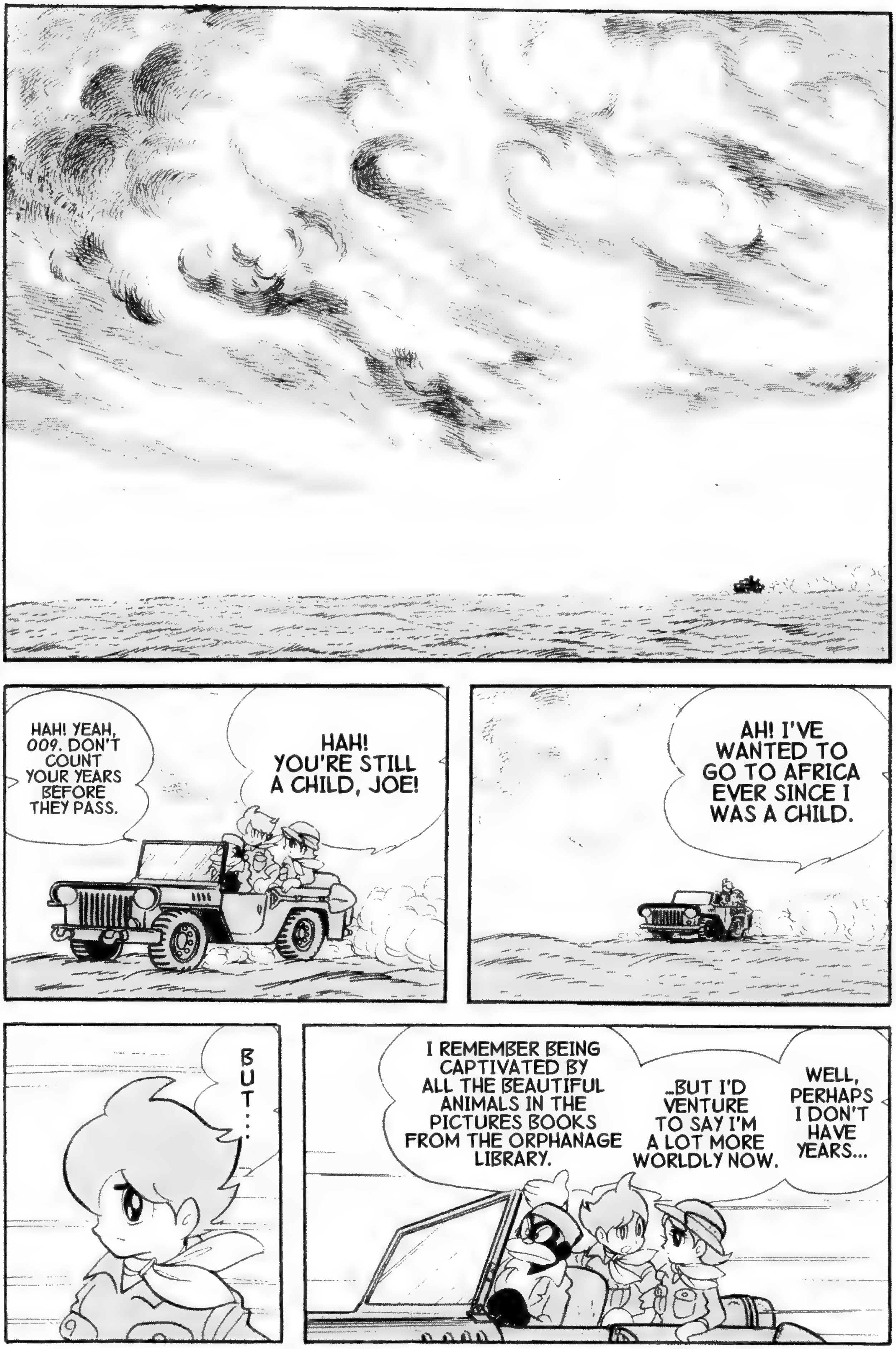
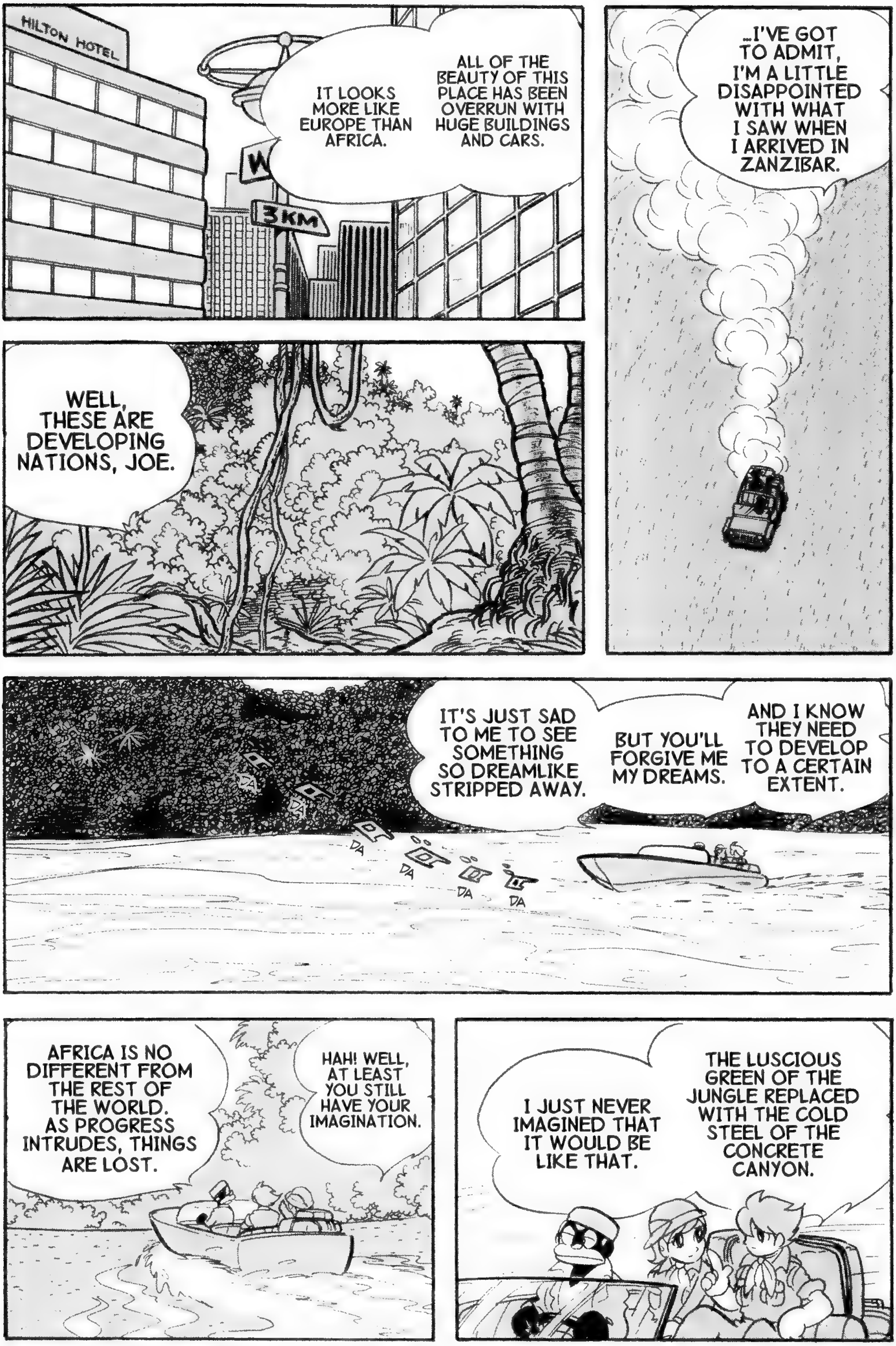
Angola
Africa...
South African Commonwealth






AH! I'VE WANTED TO GO TO AFRICA EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD.
HAH! YOU'RE STILL A CHILD, JOE!
HAH! YEAH, 009. DON'T COUNT YOUR YEARS BEFORE THEY PASS.
WELL, PERHAPS I DON'T HAVE YEARS...
...BUT I'D VENTURE TO SAY I'M A LOT MORE WORLDLY NOW.
I REMEMBER BEING CAPTIVATED BY ALL THE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS IN THE PICTURES BOOKS FROM THE ORPHANAGE LIBRARY.
BUT...


HILTON HOTEL
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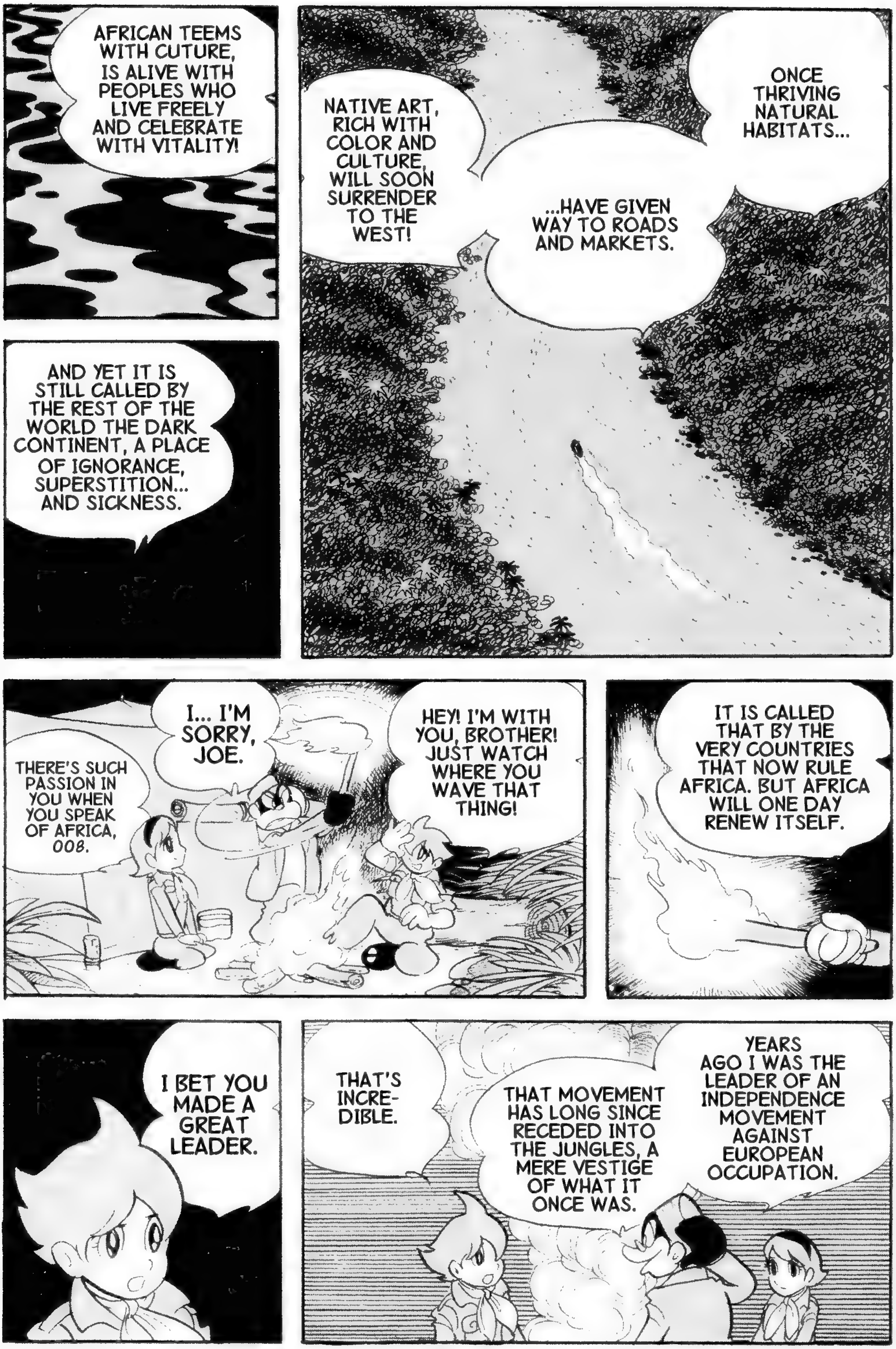
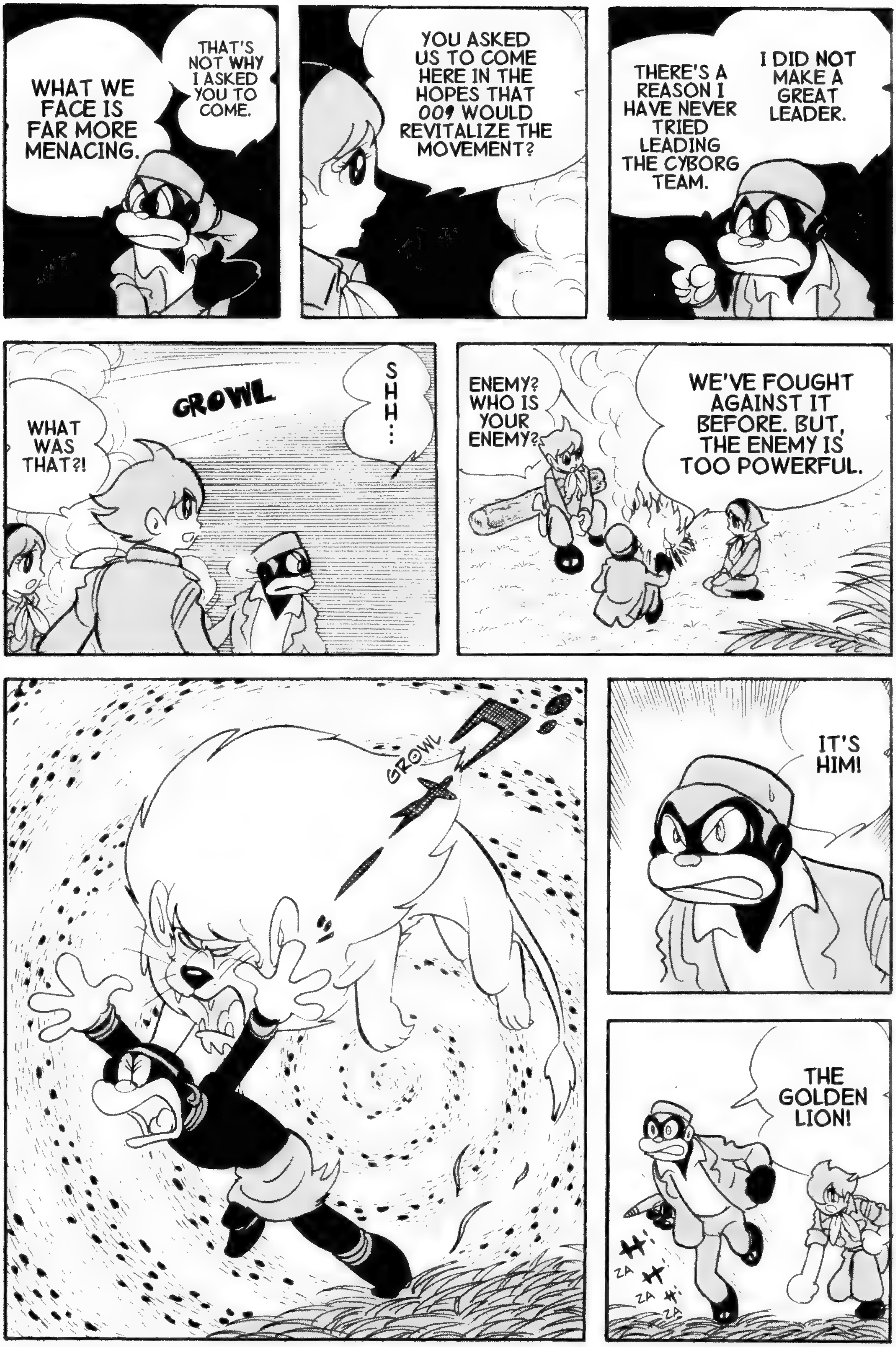
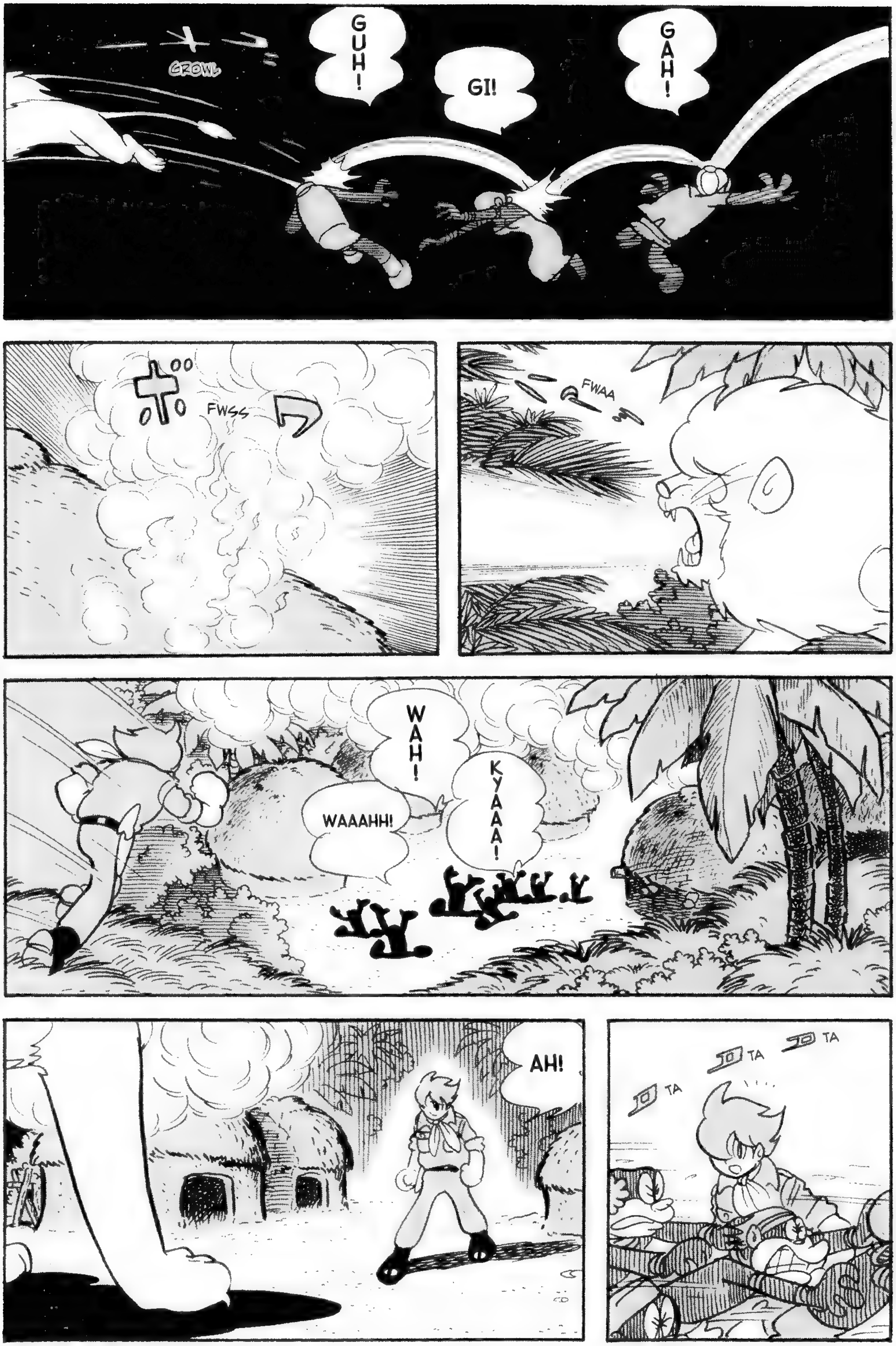
3KM
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE EUROPE THAN AFRICA.
ALL OF THE BEAUTY OF THIS PLACE HAS BEEN OVERRUN WITH HUGE BUILDINGS AND CARS.
WELL, THESE ARE DEVELOPING NATIONS, JOE.
...I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED WITH WHAT I SAW WHEN I ARRIVED IN ZANZIBAR.
IT'S JUST SAD TO ME TO SEE SOMETHING SO DREAMLIKE STRIPPED AWAY.
BUT YOU'LL FORGIVE ME MY DREAMS.
AND I KNOW THEY NEED TO DEVELOP TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.
DA DA DA DA DA DA DA DA
AFRICA IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD. AS PROGRESS INTRUDES, THINGS ARE LOST.
HAH! WELL, AT LEAST YOU STILL HAVE YOUR IMAGINATION.
I JUST NEVER IMAGINED THAT IT WOULD BE LIKE THAT.
THE LUSCIOUS GREEN OF THE JUNGLE REPLACED WITH THE COLD STEEL OF THE CONCRETE CANYON.


AFRICAN TEEMS WITH CUTURE, IS ALIVE WITH PEOPLES WHO LIVE FREELY AND CELEBRATE WITH VITALITY!
AND YET IT IS STILL CALLED BY THE REST OF THE WORLD THE DARK CONTINENT, A PLACE OF IGNORANCE, SUPERSTITION... AND SICKNESS.
NATIVE ART, RICH WITH COLOR AND CULTURE, WILL SOON SURRENDER TO THE WEST!
ONCE THRIVING NATURAL HABITATS...
...HAVE GIVEN WAY TO ROADS AND MARKETS.
THERE'S SUCH PASSION IN YOU WHEN YOU SPEAK OF AFRICA, 008.
I... I'M SORRY, JOE.
HEY! I'M WITH YOU, BROTHER! JUST WATCH WHERE YOU WAVE THAT THING!
IT IS CALLED THAT BY THE VERY COUNTRIES THAT NOW RULE AFRICA. BUT AFRICA WILL ONE DAY RENEW ITSELF.
I BET YOU MADE A GREAT LEADER.
YEARS AGO I WAS THE LEADER OF AN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT AGAINST EUROPEAN OCCUPATION.
THAT MOVEMENT HAS LONG SINCE RECEDED INTO THE JUNGLES, A MERE VESTIGE OF WHAT IT ONCE WAS.
THAT'S INCREDIBLE.


I DID NOT MAKE A GREAT LEADER.
THERE'S A REASON I HAVE NEVER TRIED LEADING THE CYBORG TEAM.
YOU ASKED US TO COME HERE IN THE HOPES THAT 009 WOULD REVITALIZE THE MOVEMENT?
THAT'S NOT WHY I ASKED YOU TO COME.
WHAT WE FACE IS FAR MORE MENACING.
WE'VE FOUGHT AGAINST IT BEFORE. BUT, THE ENEMY IS TOO POWERFUL.
ENEMY? WHO IS YOUR ENEMY?
SHH...
GROWL
WHAT WAS THAT?!
IT'S HIM!
THE GOLDEN LION!
ZA ZA ZA
GROWL


GROWL
GUH!
GI!
GAH!
FWSS
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WAH!
WAAAHH!
KYAAA!
AH!
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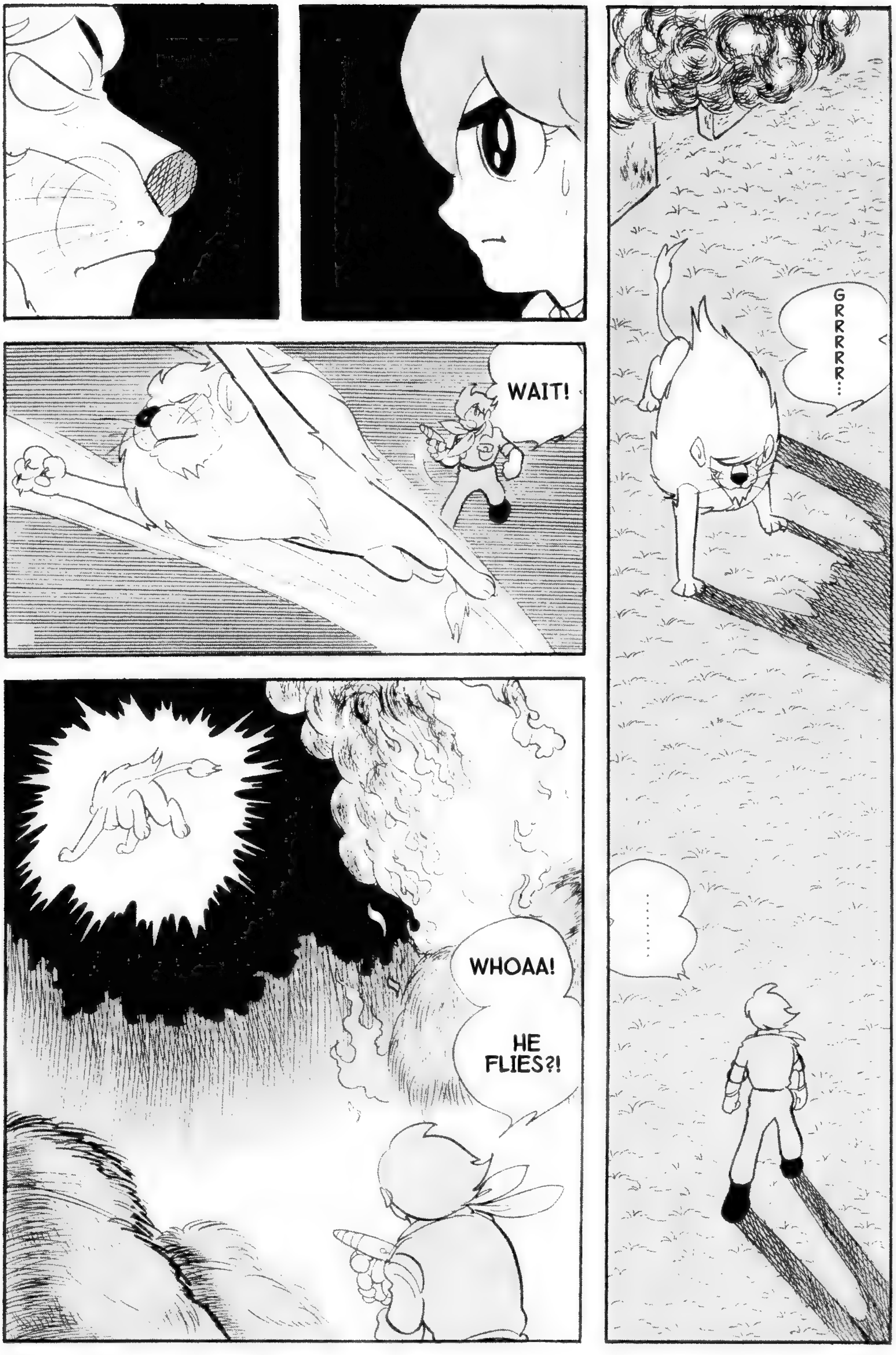
WAIT!
WHOAA!
HE FLIES?!
GRRRRR...
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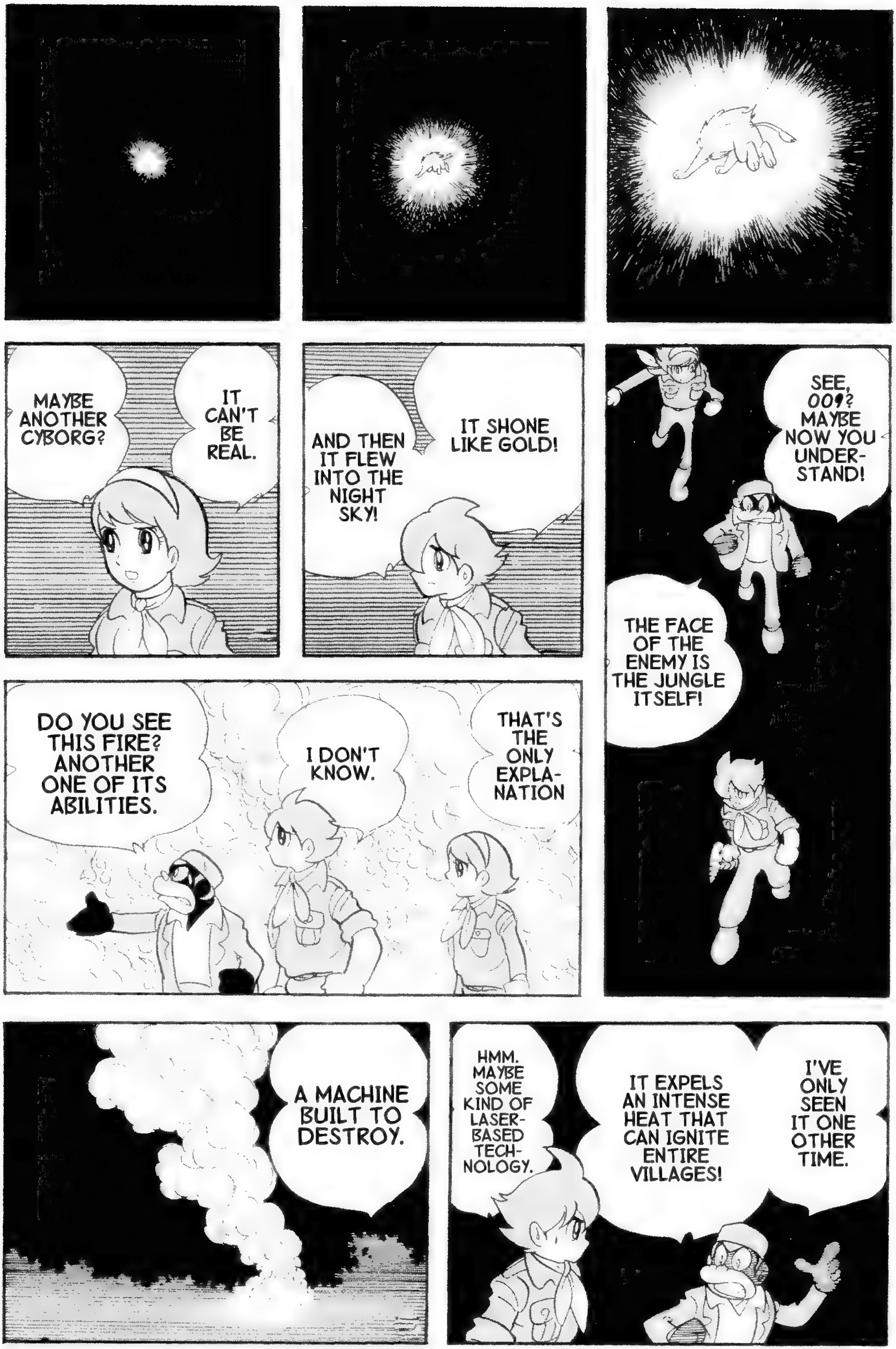
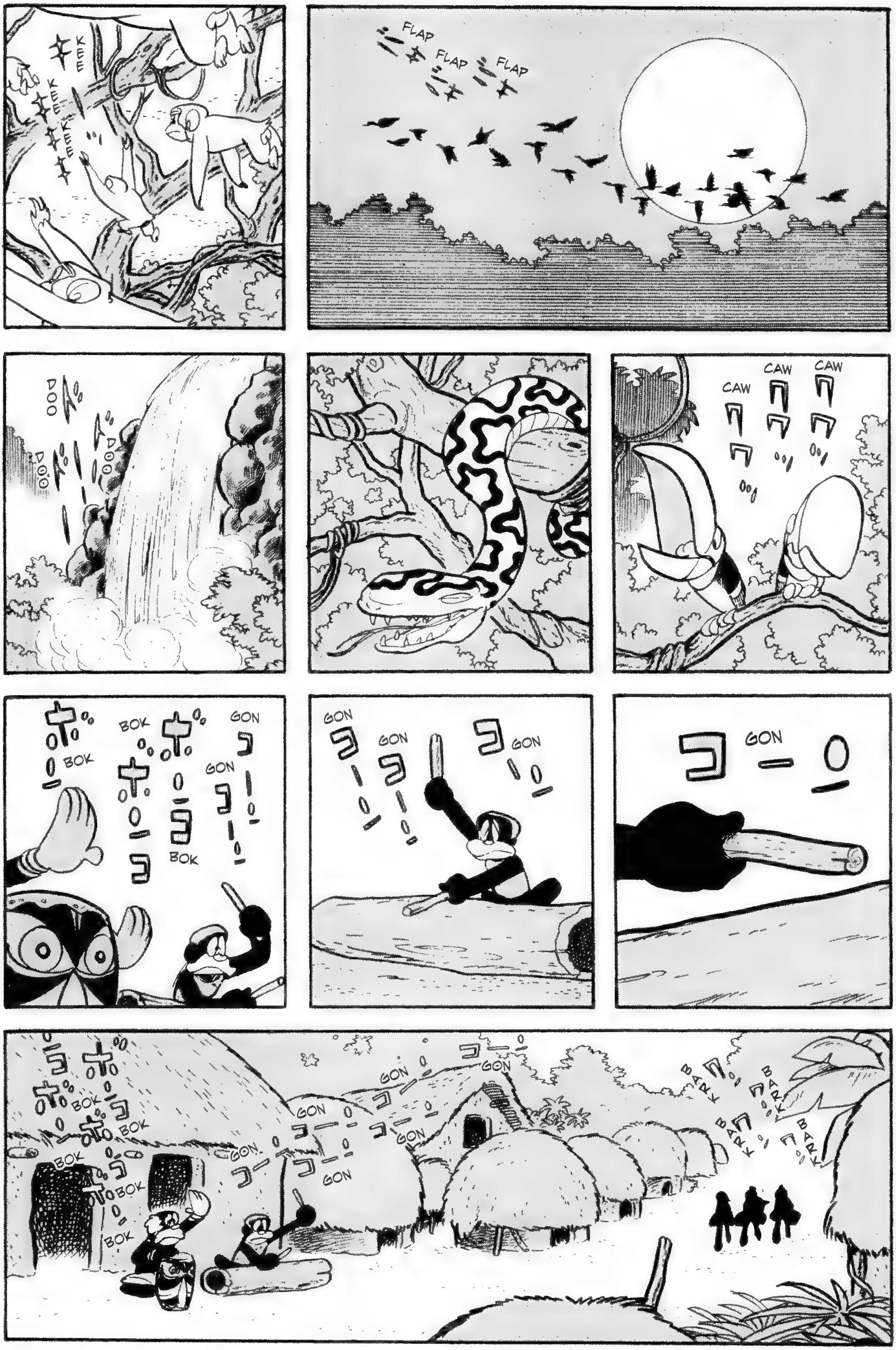
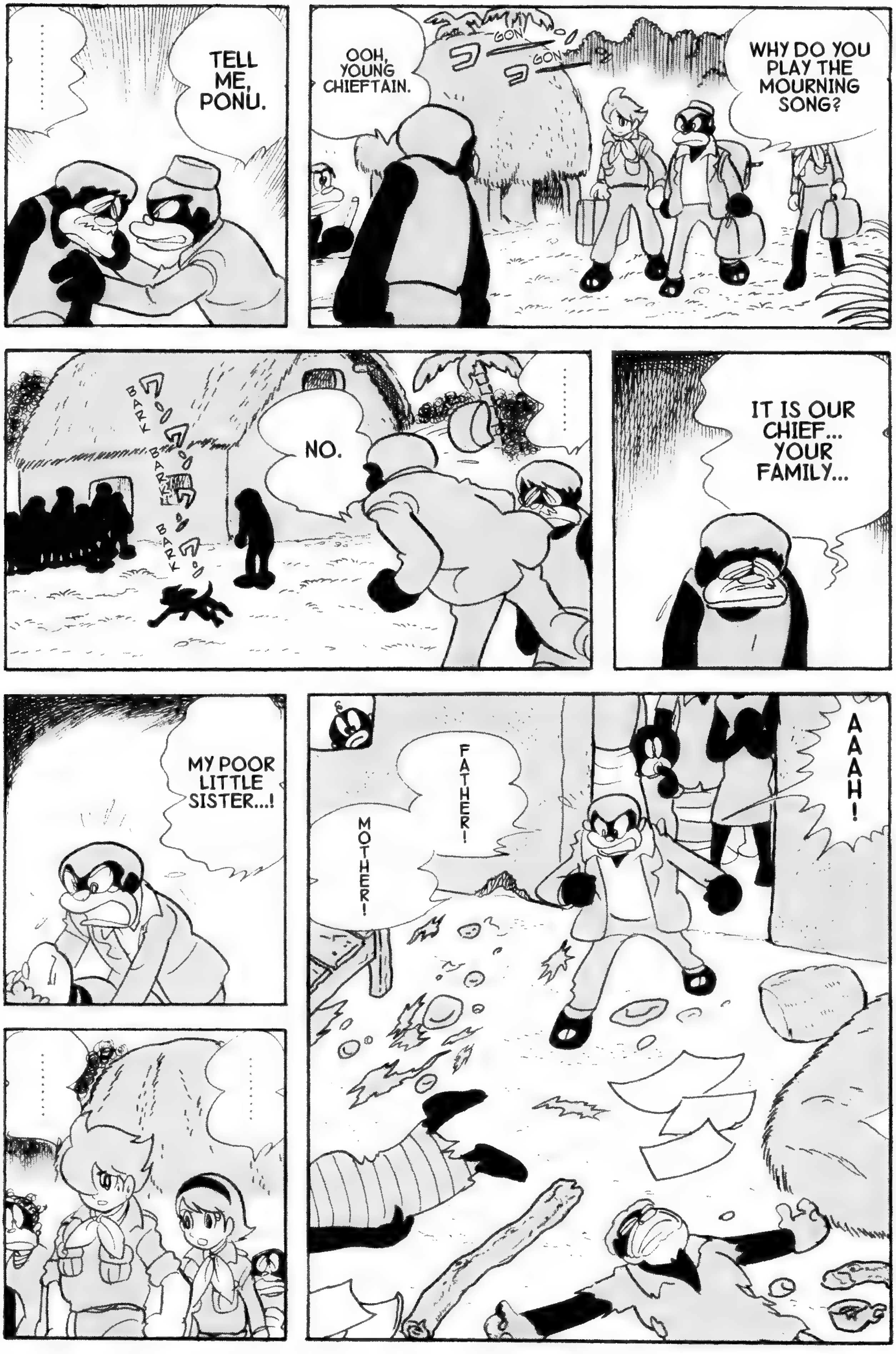
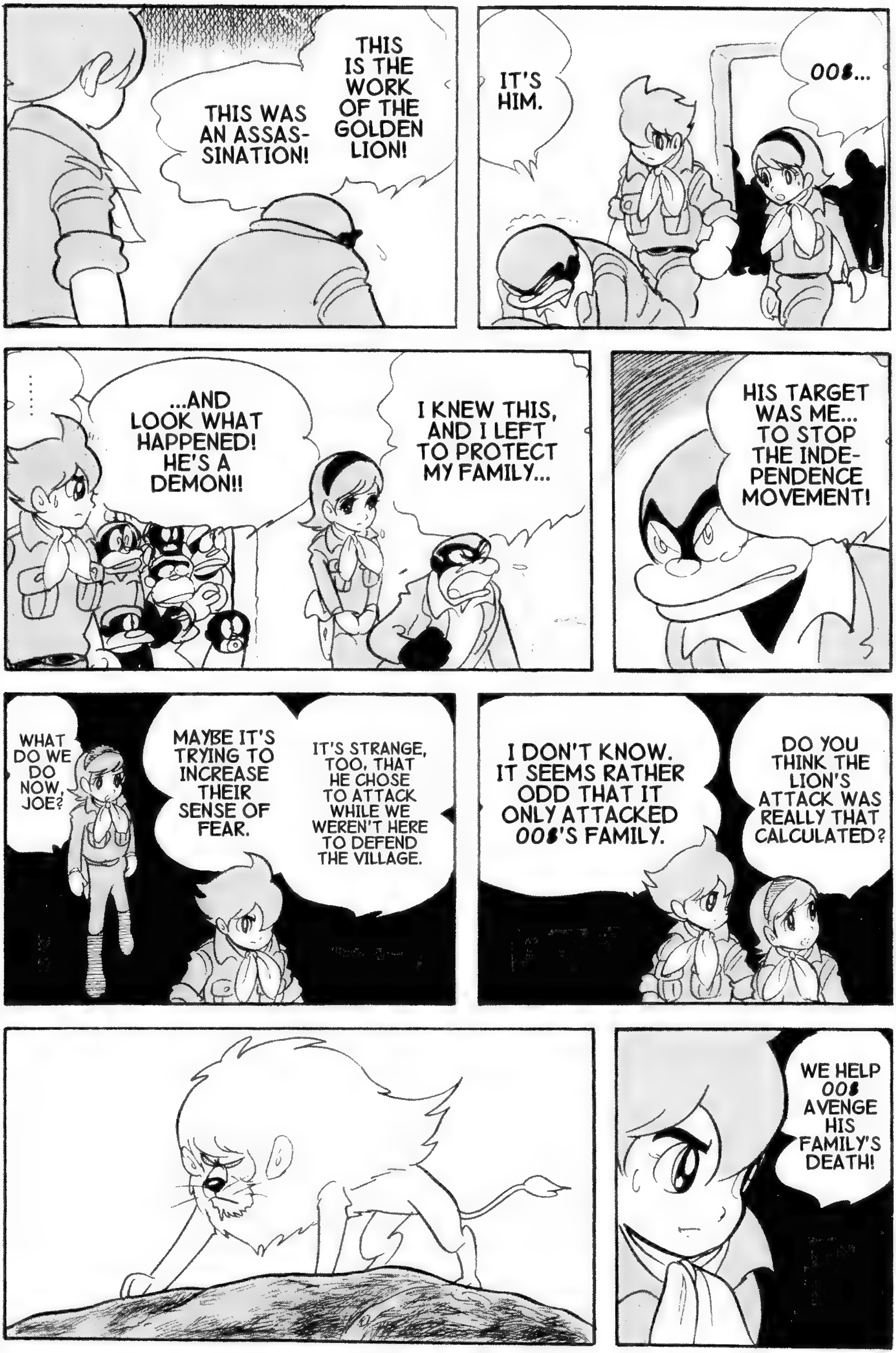
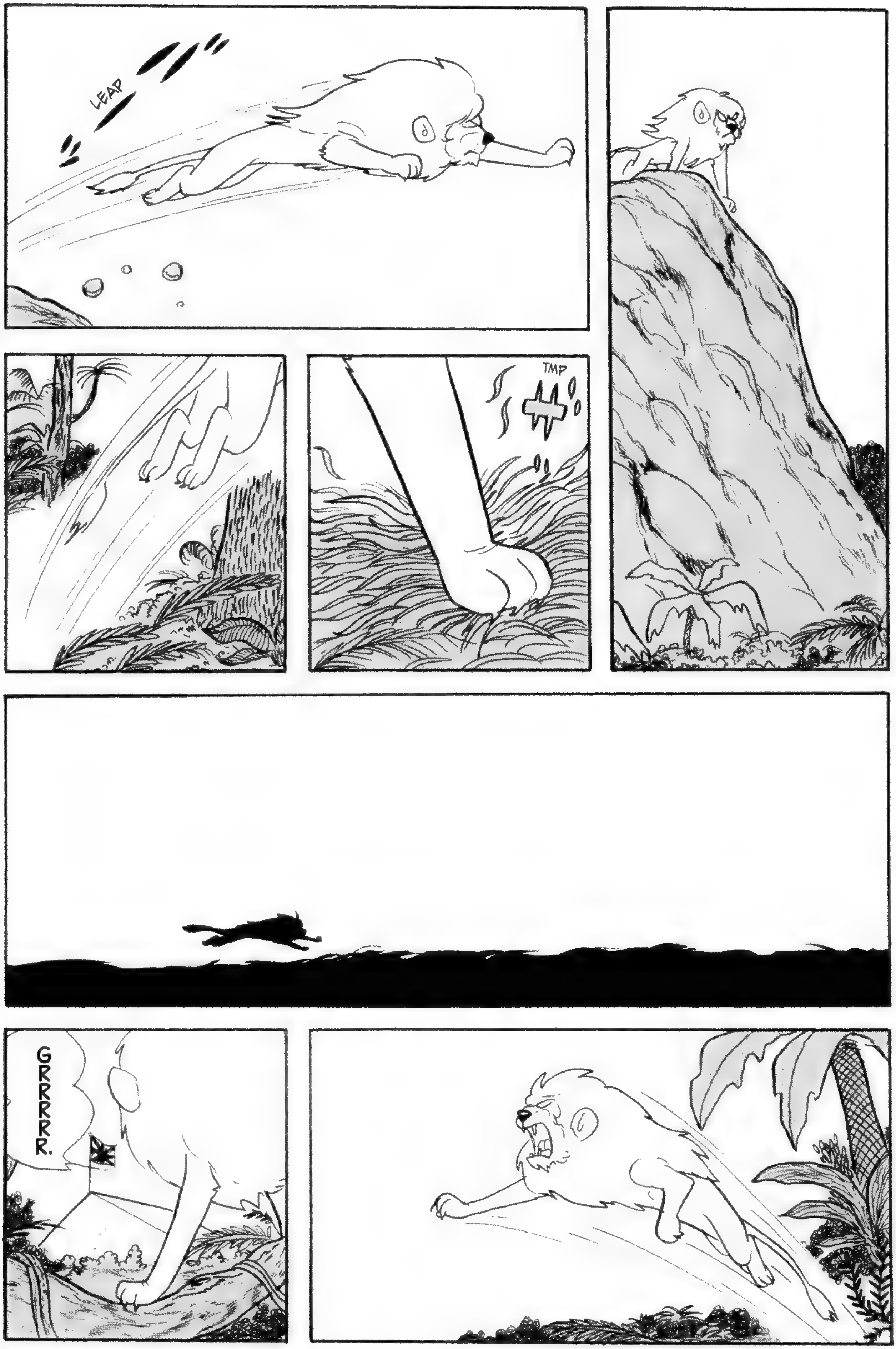
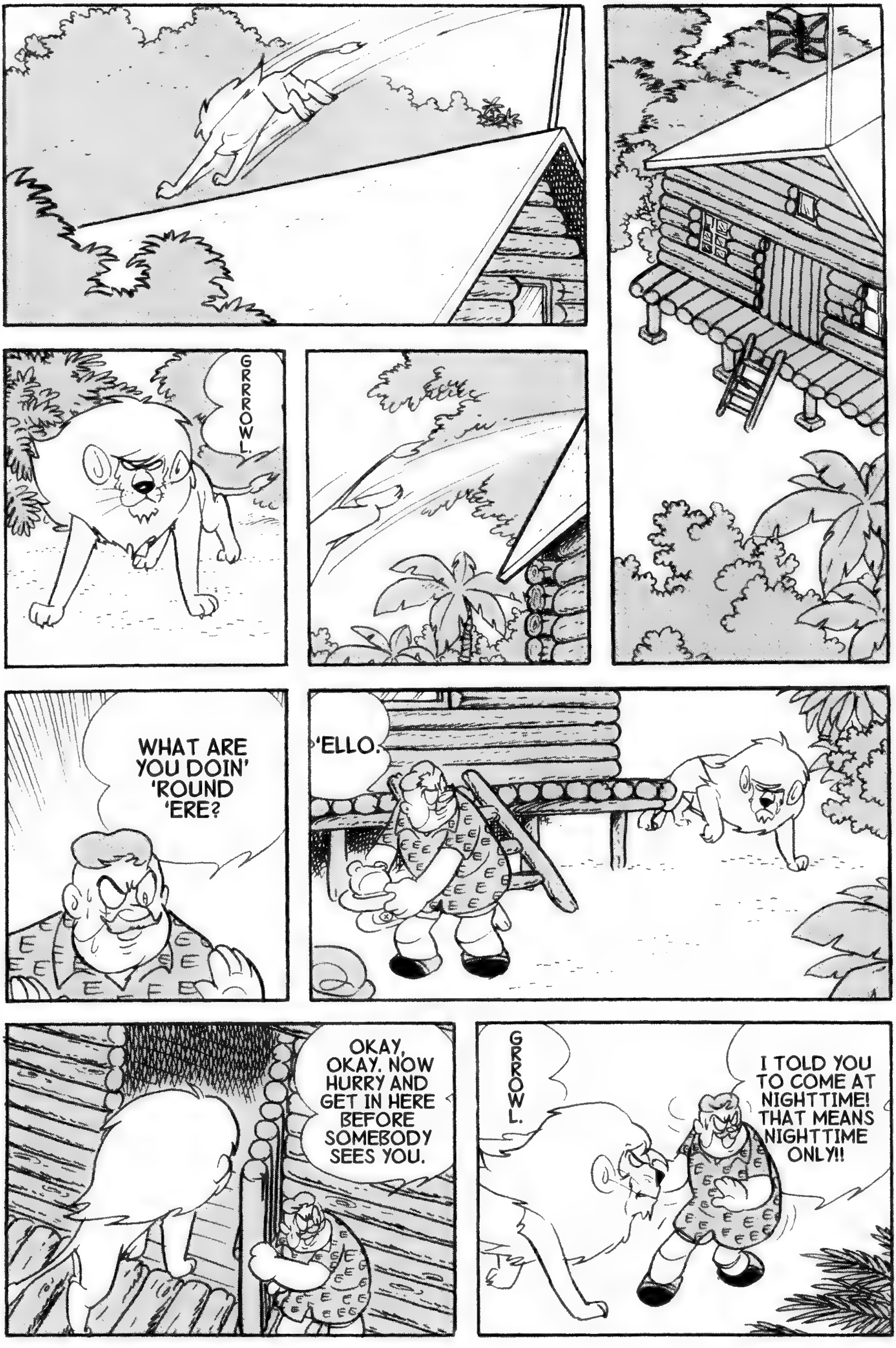

SEE, 009? MAYBE NOW YOU UNDERSTAND!
THE FACE OF THE ENEMY IS THE JUNGLE ITSELF!
IT SHONE LIKE GOLD!
AND THEN IT FLEW INTO THE NIGHT SKY!
IT CAN'T BE REAL.
MAYBE ANOTHER CYBORG?
THAT'S THE ONLY EXPLANATION
I DON'T KNOW.
DO YOU SEE THIS FIRE? ANOTHER ONE OF ITS ABILITIES.
I'VE ONLY SEEN IT ONE OTHER TIME.
IT EXPELS AN INTENSE HEAT THAT CAN IGNITE ENTIRE VILLAGES!
HMM. MAYBE SOME KIND OF LASER-BASED TECHNOLOGY.
A MACHINE BUILT TO DESTROY.

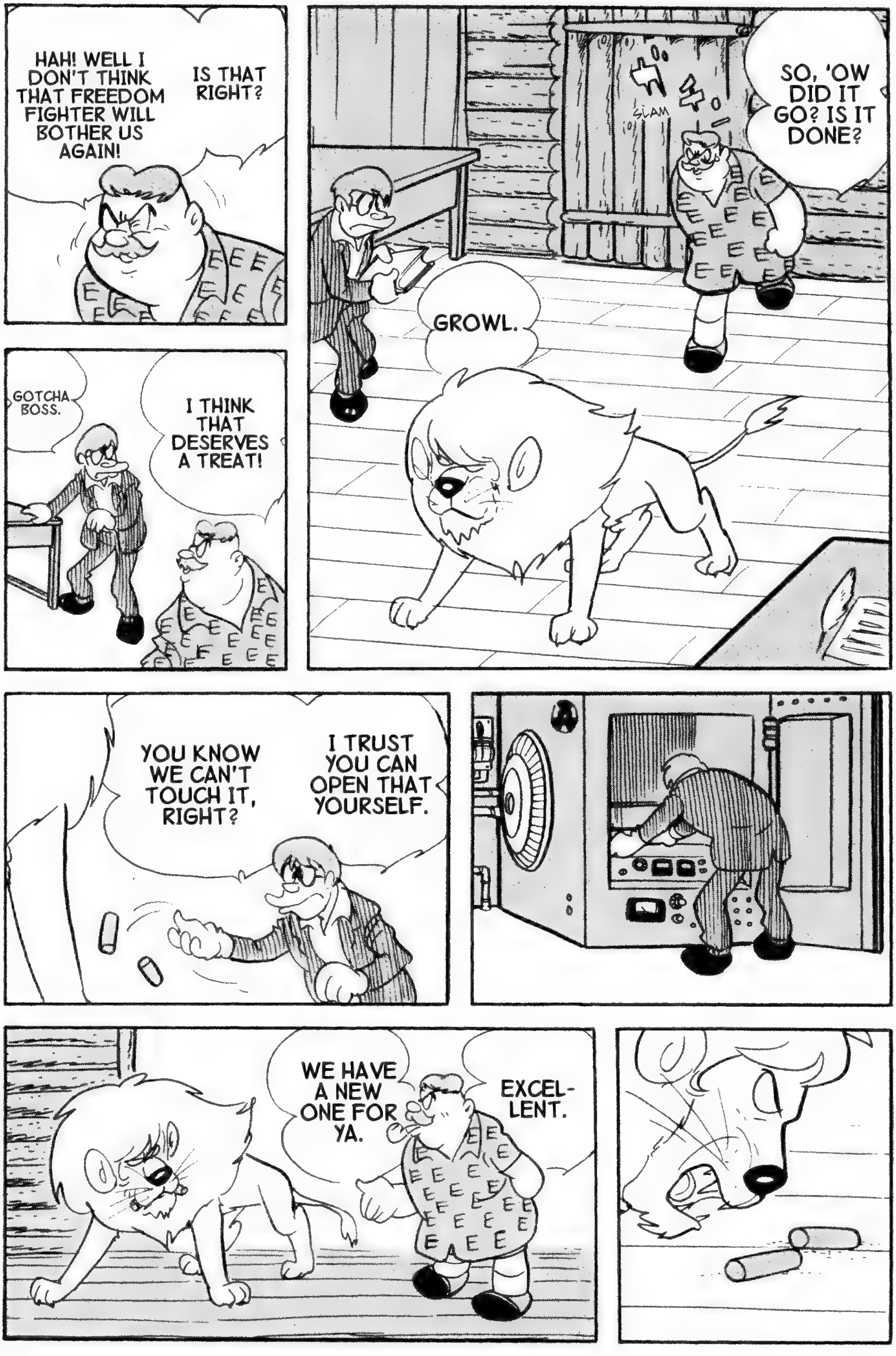

FLAP FLAP FLAP
KEE KEE KEE KEE
CAW CAW CAW
DOO DOO DOO
GON
GON GON GON
GON GON BOK BOK BOK
GON GON GON GON GON GON
BOK BOK BOK BOK BOK
BARK BARK BARK BARK

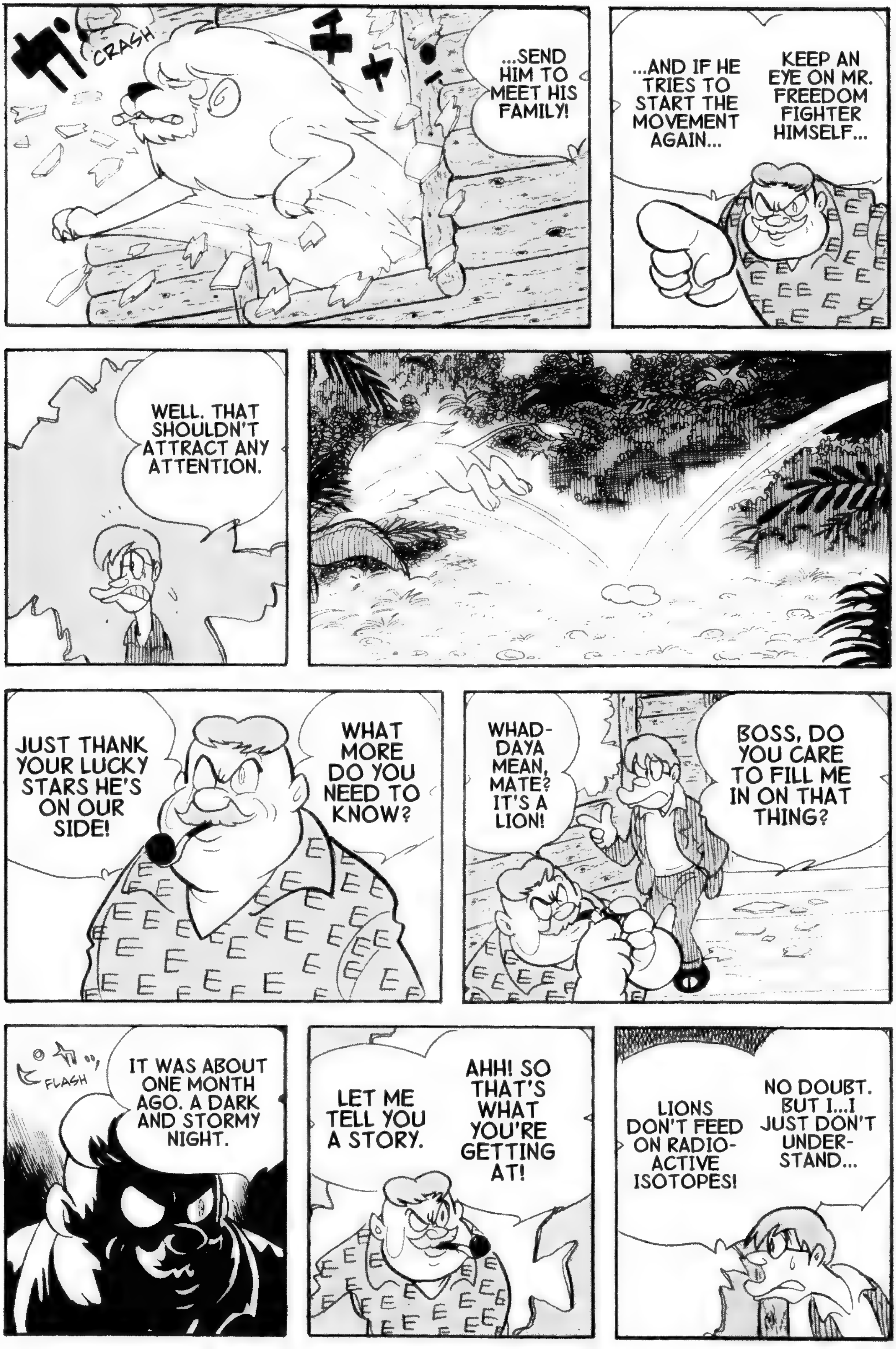

GON
GON
WHY DO YOU PLAY THE MOURNING SONG?
OOH, YOUNG CHIEFTAIN.
TELL ME, PONU.
......
IT IS OUR CHIEF... YOUR FAMILY...
......
NO.
BARK
BARK
BARK
AAAH!
FATHER!
MOTHER!
MY POOR LITTLE SISTER...!
......
......

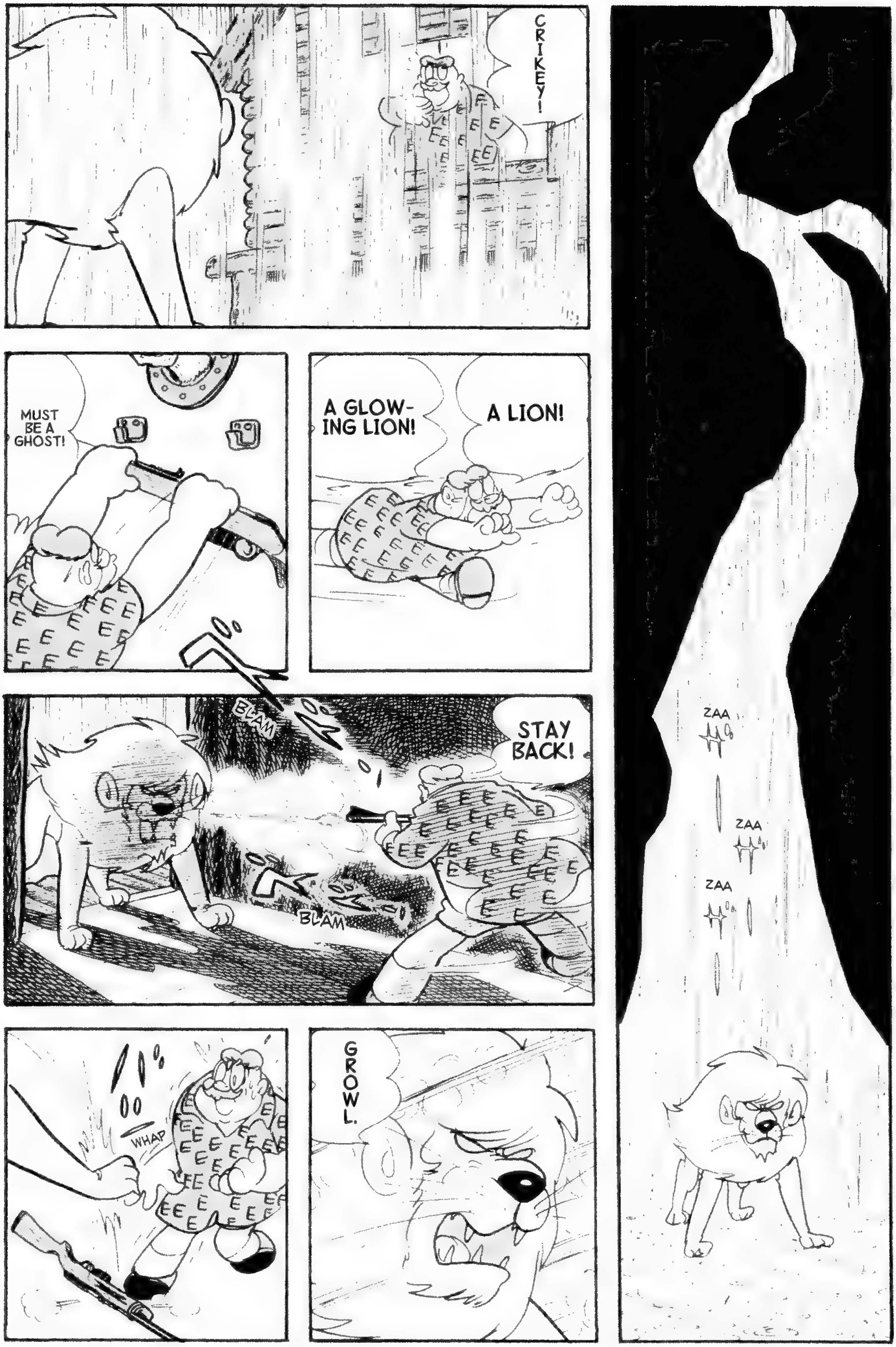

008...
IT'S HIM.
THIS IS THE WORK OF THE GOLDEN LION!
THIS WAS AN ASSASSINATION!
HIS TARGET WAS ME... TO STOP THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT!
I KNEW THIS, AND I LEFT TO PROTECT MY FAMILY...
...AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED! HE'S A DEMON!!
......
DO YOU THINK THE LION'S ATTACK WAS REALLY THAT CALCULATED?
I DON'T KNOW. IT SEEMS RATHER ODD THAT IT ONLY ATTACKED 008'S FAMILY.
IT'S STRANGE, TOO, THAT HE CHOSE TO ATTACK WHILE WE WEREN'T HERE TO DEFEND THE VILLAGE.
MAYBE IT'S TRYING TO INCREASE THEIR SENSE OF FEAR.
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, JOE?
WE HELP 008 AVENGE HIS FAMILY'S DEATH!

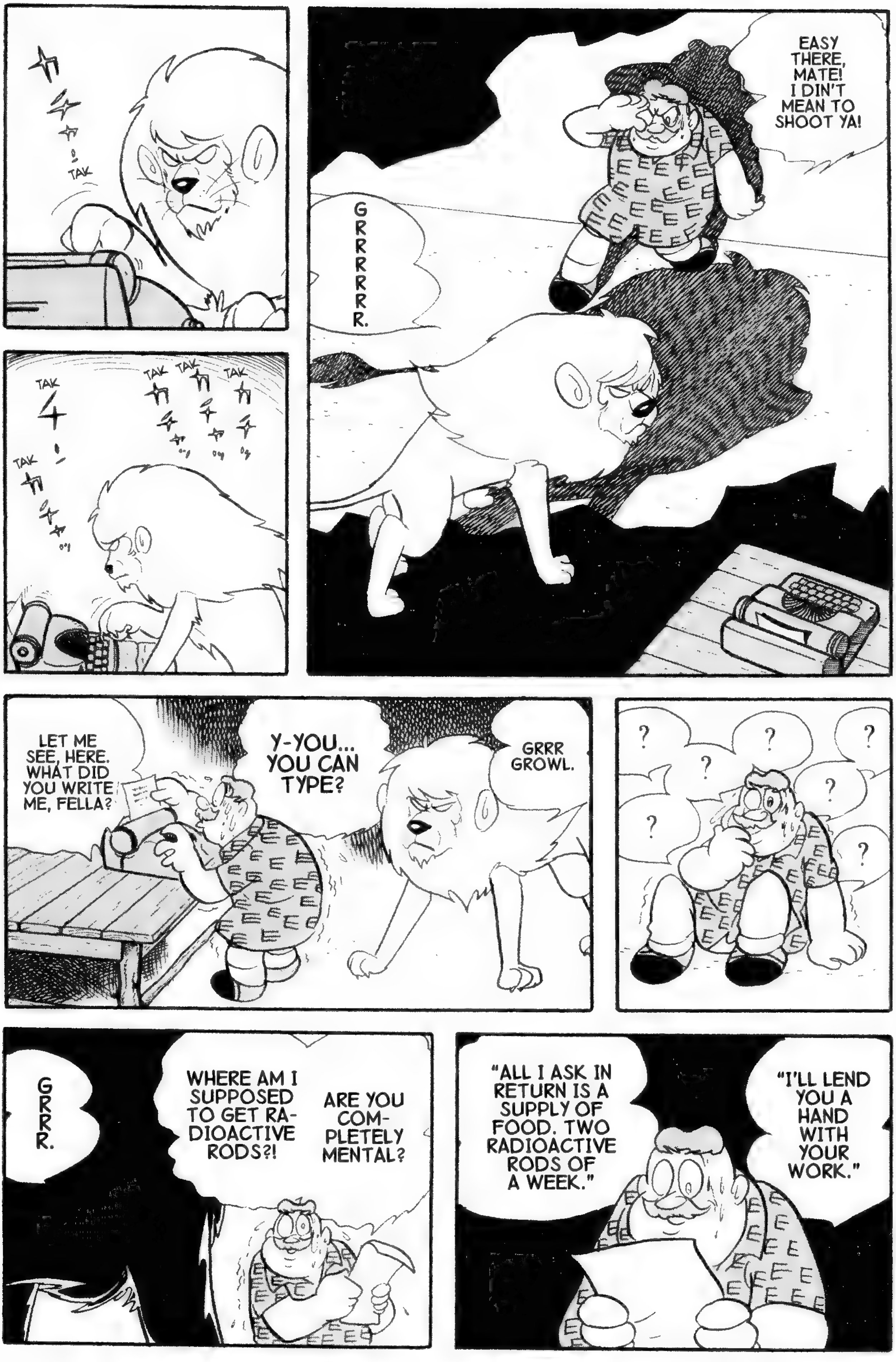

LEAP
TMP
GRRRRR.

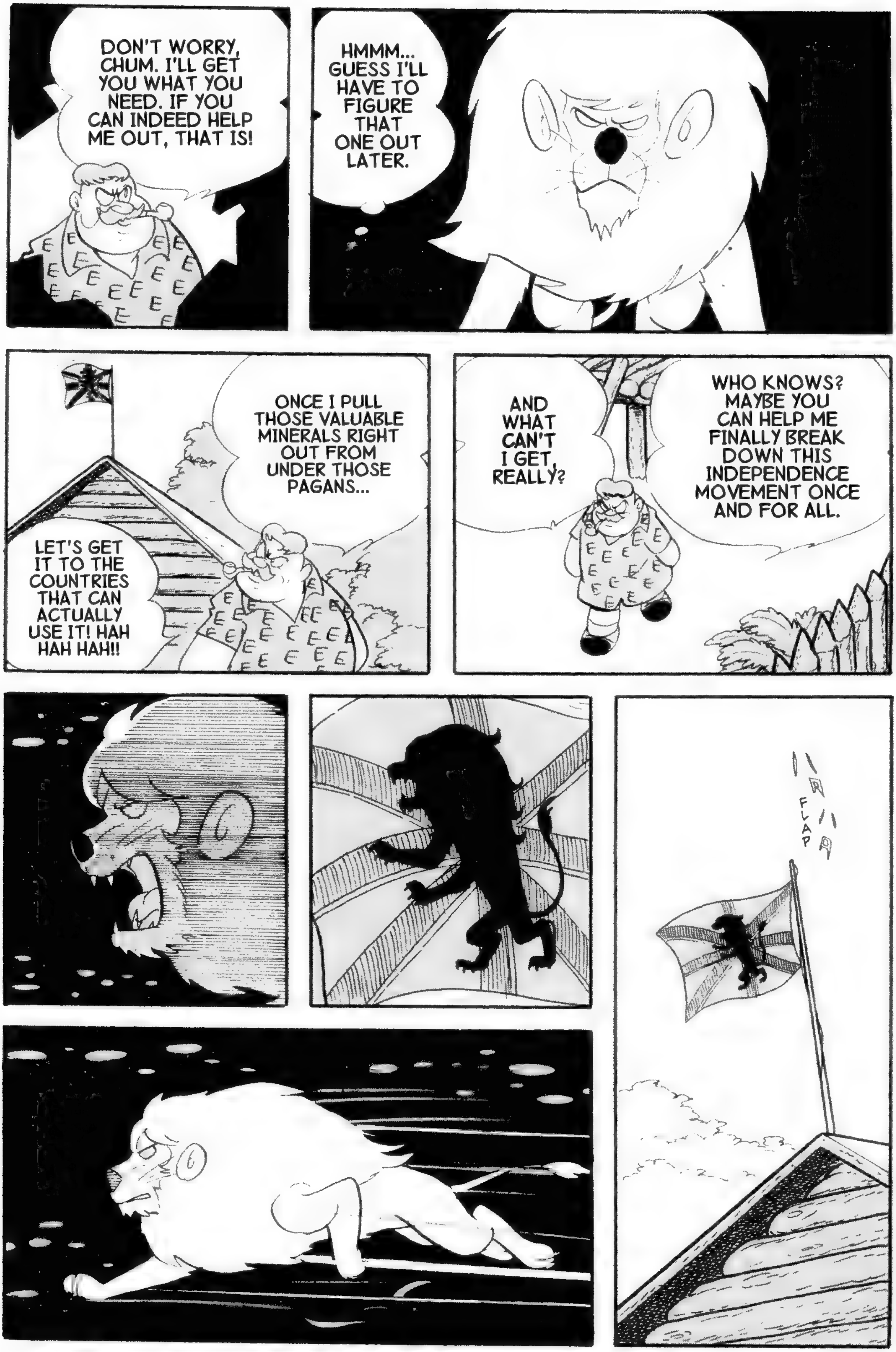

GRRROWL.
WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' 'ROUND 'ERE?
'ELLO.
OKAY, OKAY. NOW HURRY AND GET IN HERE BEFORE SOMEBODY SEES YOU.
GRROWL.
I TOLD YOU TO COME AT NIGHTTIME! THAT MEANS NIGHTTIME ONLY!!

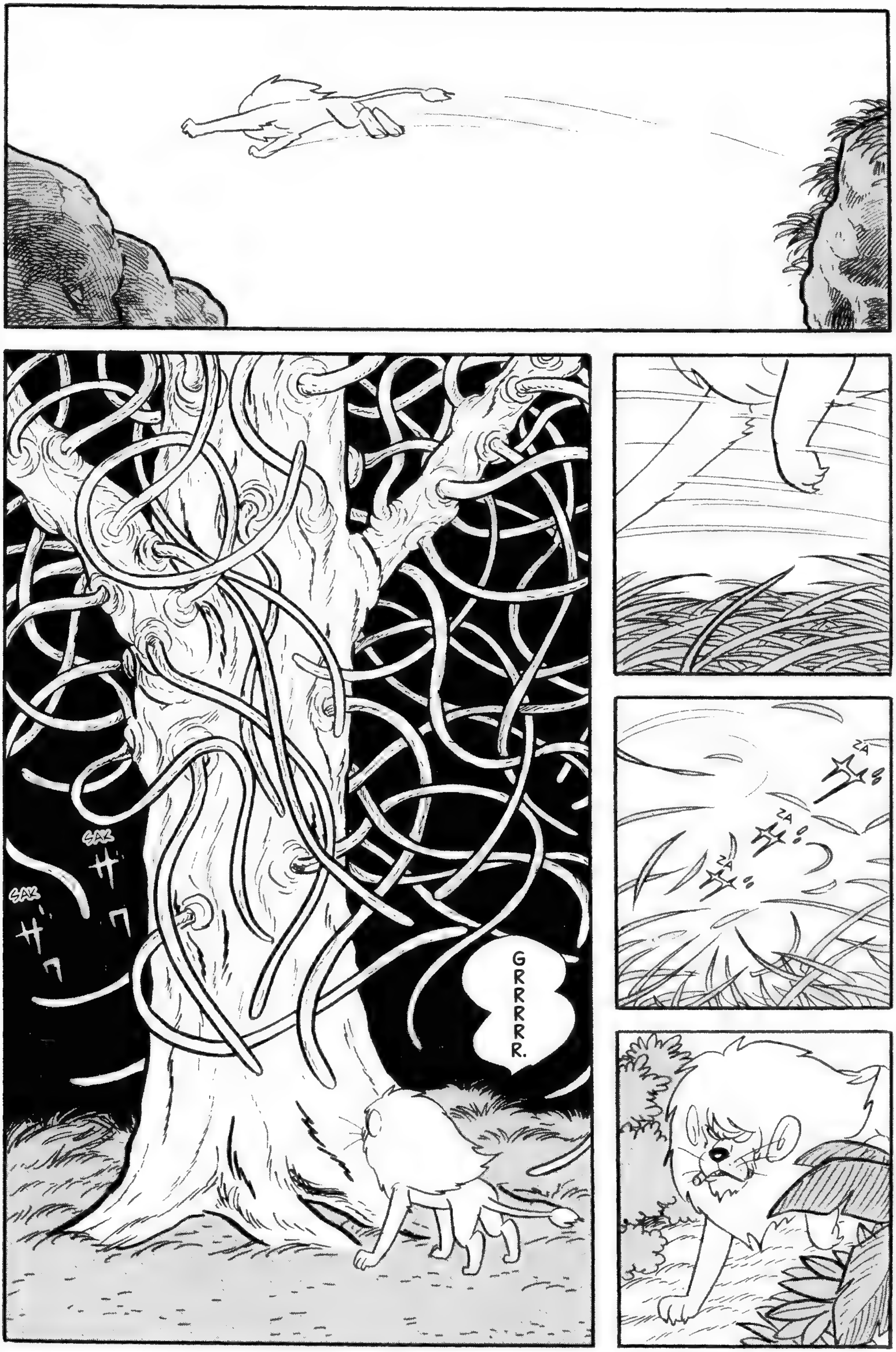

HAH! WELL I DON'T THINK THAT FREEDOM FIGHTER WILL BOTHER US AGAIN!
IS THAT RIGHT?
SLAM
SO, 'OW DID IT GO? IS IT DONE?
GROWL.
GOTCHA BOSS.
I THINK THAT DESERVES A TREAT!
YOU KNOW WE CAN'T TOUCH IT, RIGHT?
I TRUST YOU CAN OPEN THAT YOURSELF.
WE HAVE A NEW ONE FOR YA.
EXCEL-LENT.


KEEP AN EYE ON MR. FREEDOM FIGHTER HIMSELF...
...AND IF HE TRIES TO START THE MOVEMENT AGAIN...
...SEND HIM TO MEET HIS FAMILY!
ガ
CRASH
チャ
WELL. THAT SHOULDN'T ATTRACT ANY ATTENTION.
BOSS, DO YOU CARE TO FILL ME IN ON THAT THING?
WHADDAYA MEAN, MATE? IT'S A LION!
WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?
JUST THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS HE'S ON OUR SIDE!
NO DOUBT. BUT I...I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...
LIONS DON'T FEED ON RADIO-ACTIVE ISOTOPES!
AHH! SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT!
LET ME TELL YOU A STORY.
FLASH
IT WAS ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT.


CRIKEY!
MUST BE A GHOST!
A LION!
A GLOWING LION!
BLAM
STAY BACK!
BLAM
WHAP
GROWL.
ZAA
ZAA
ZAA


TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
GRRRRRR.
EASY THERE, MATE! I DIN'T MEAN TO SHOOT YA!
LET ME SEE, HERE. WHAT DID YOU WRITE ME, FELLA?
Y-YOU... YOU CAN TYPE?
GRRR GROWL.
?
?
?
?
?
?
?
GRRR.
WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO GET RADIOACTIVE RODS?!
ARE YOU COMPLETELY MENTAL?
"I'LL LEND YOU A HAND WITH YOUR WORK."
"ALL I ASK IN RETURN IS A SUPPLY OF FOOD. TWO RADIOACTIVE RODS OF A WEEK."


DON'T WORRY, CHUM. I'LL GET YOU WHAT YOU NEED. IF YOU CAN INDEED HELP ME OUT, THAT IS!
HMMM... GUESS I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE THAT ONE OUT LATER.
ONCE I PULL THOSE VALUABLE MINERALS RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER THOSE PAGANS...
LET'S GET IT TO THE COUNTRIES THAT CAN ACTUALLY USE IT! HAH HAH HAH!!
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME FINALLY BREAK DOWN THIS INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT ONCE AND FOR ALL.
AND WHAT CAN'T I GET, REALLY?
FLAP


ZA
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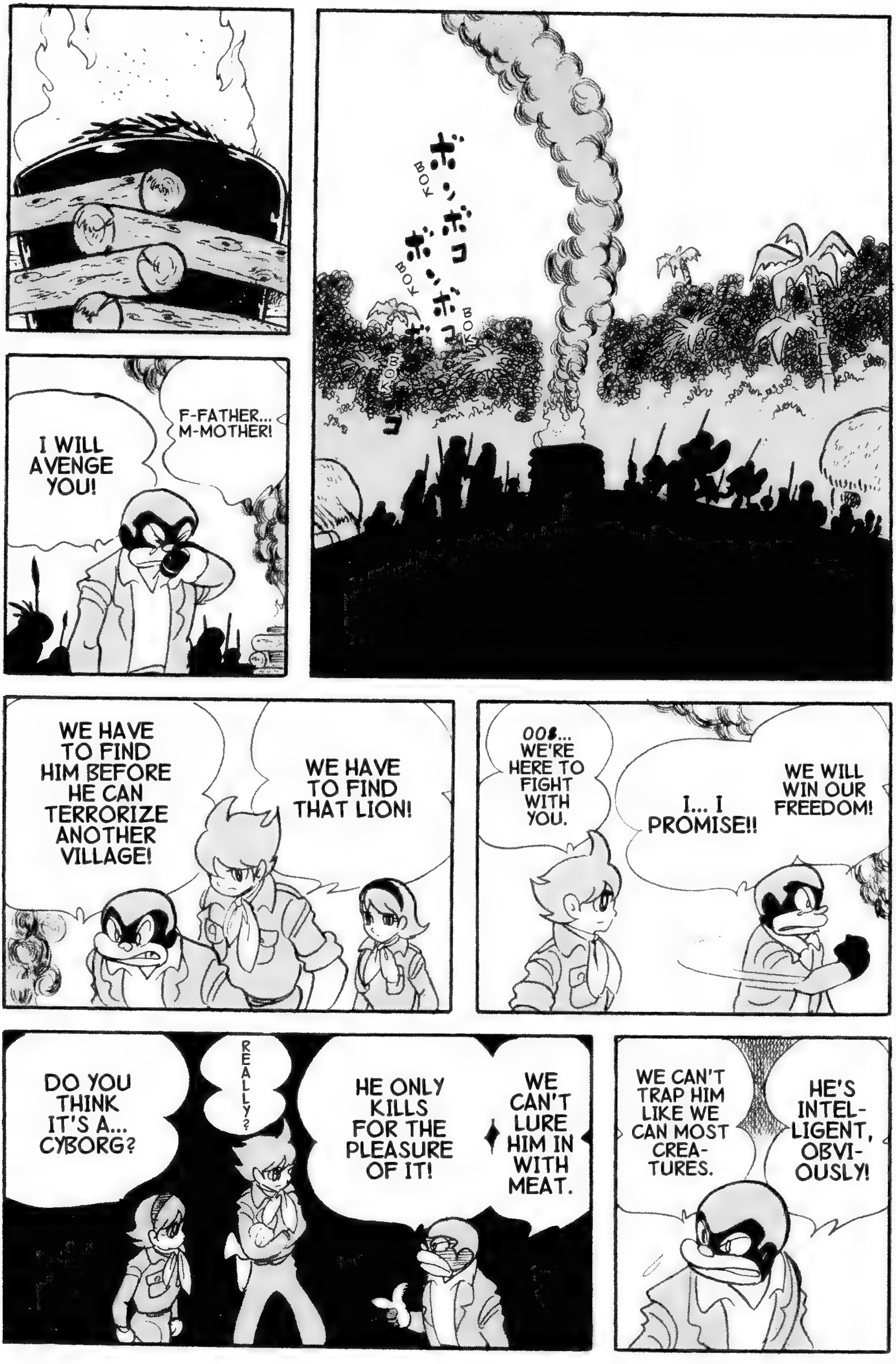
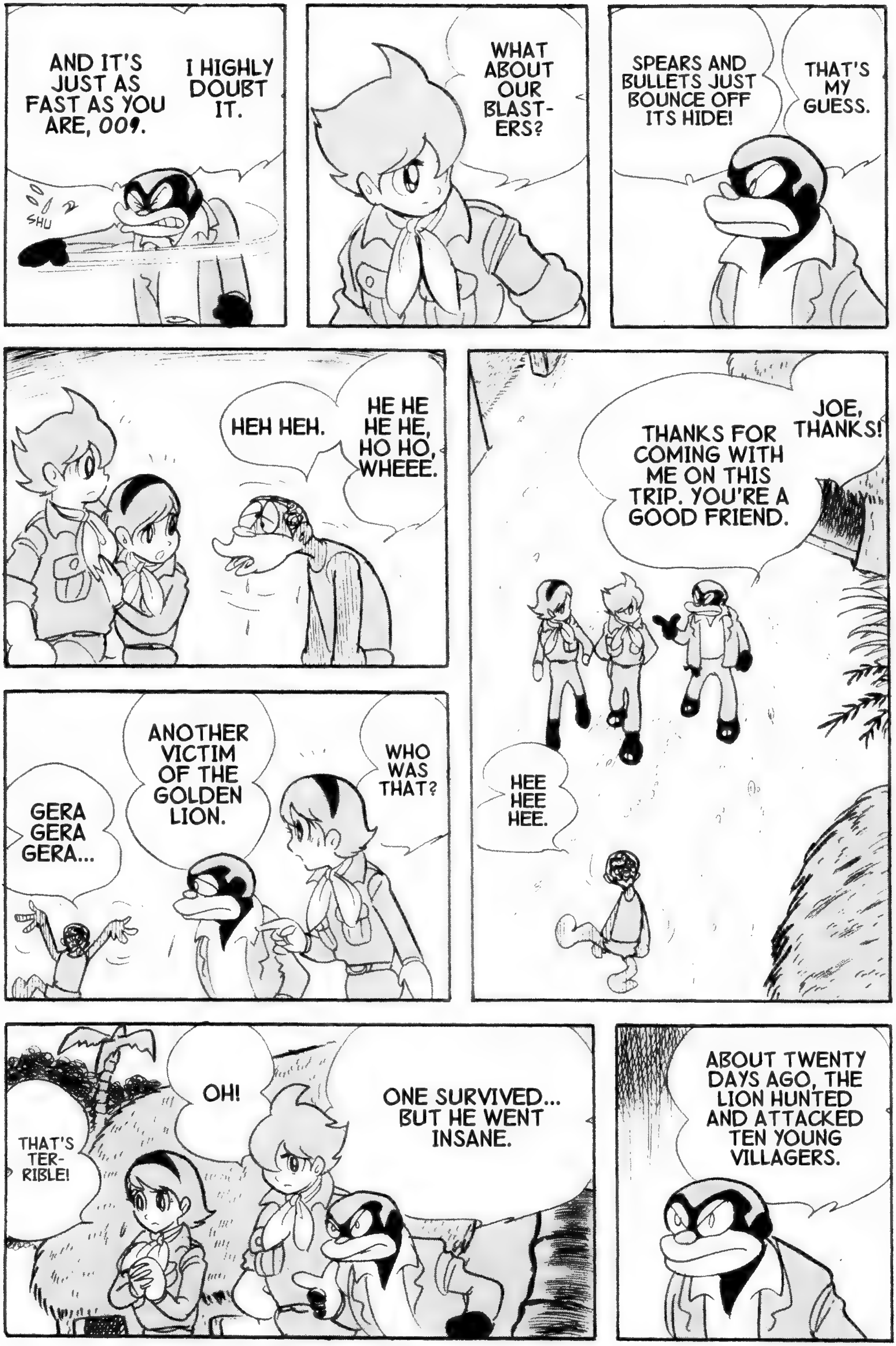
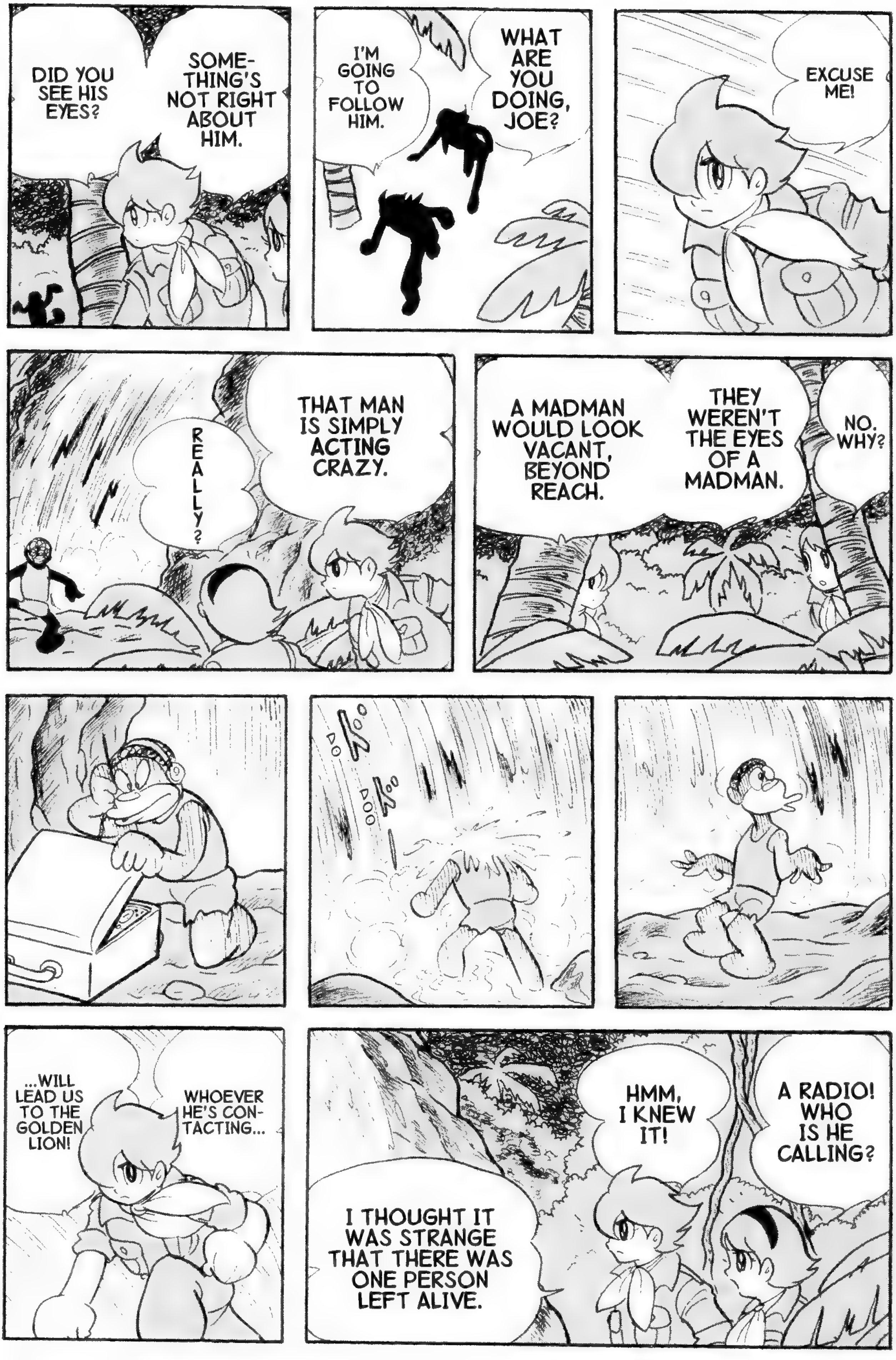
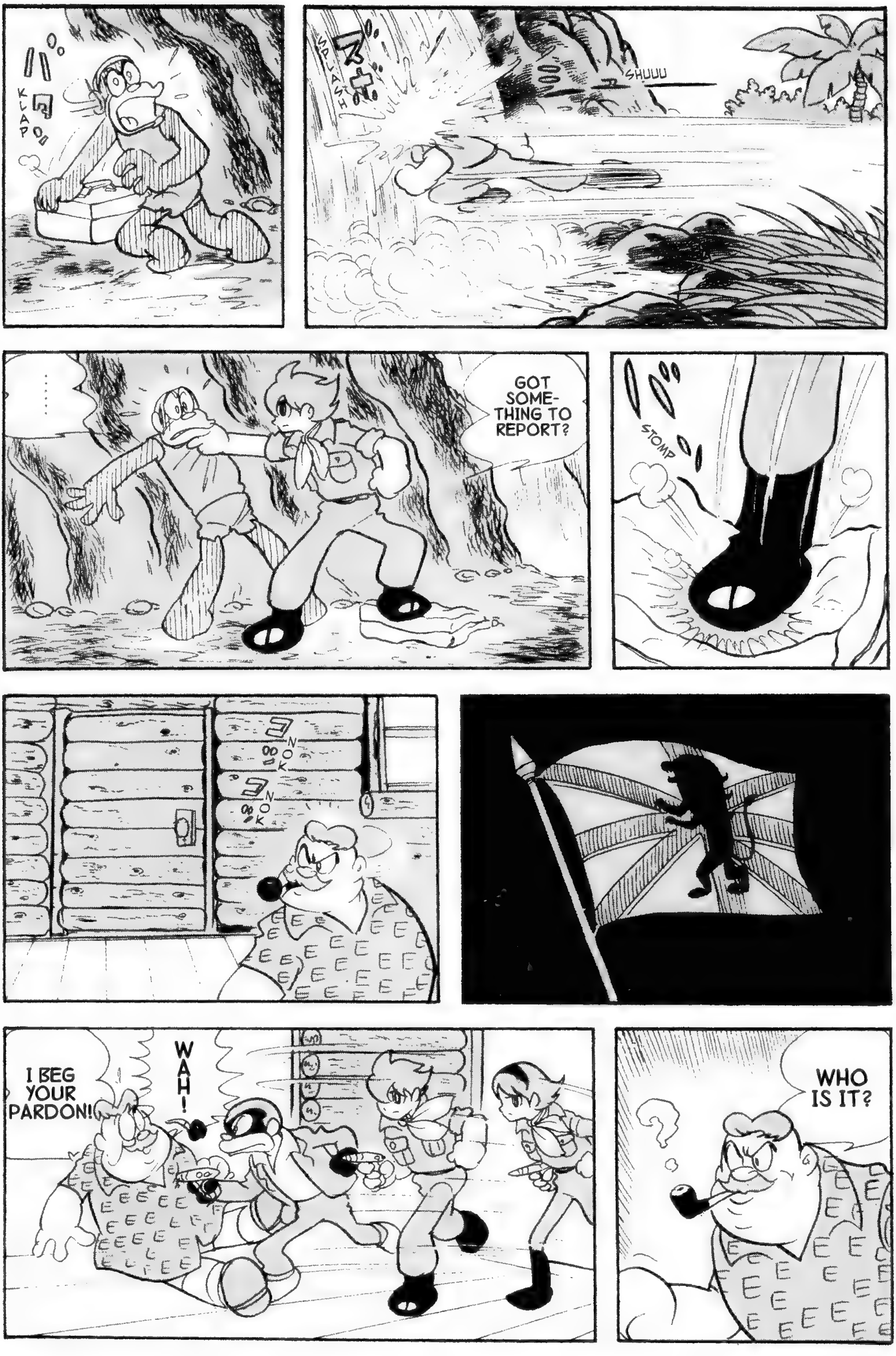
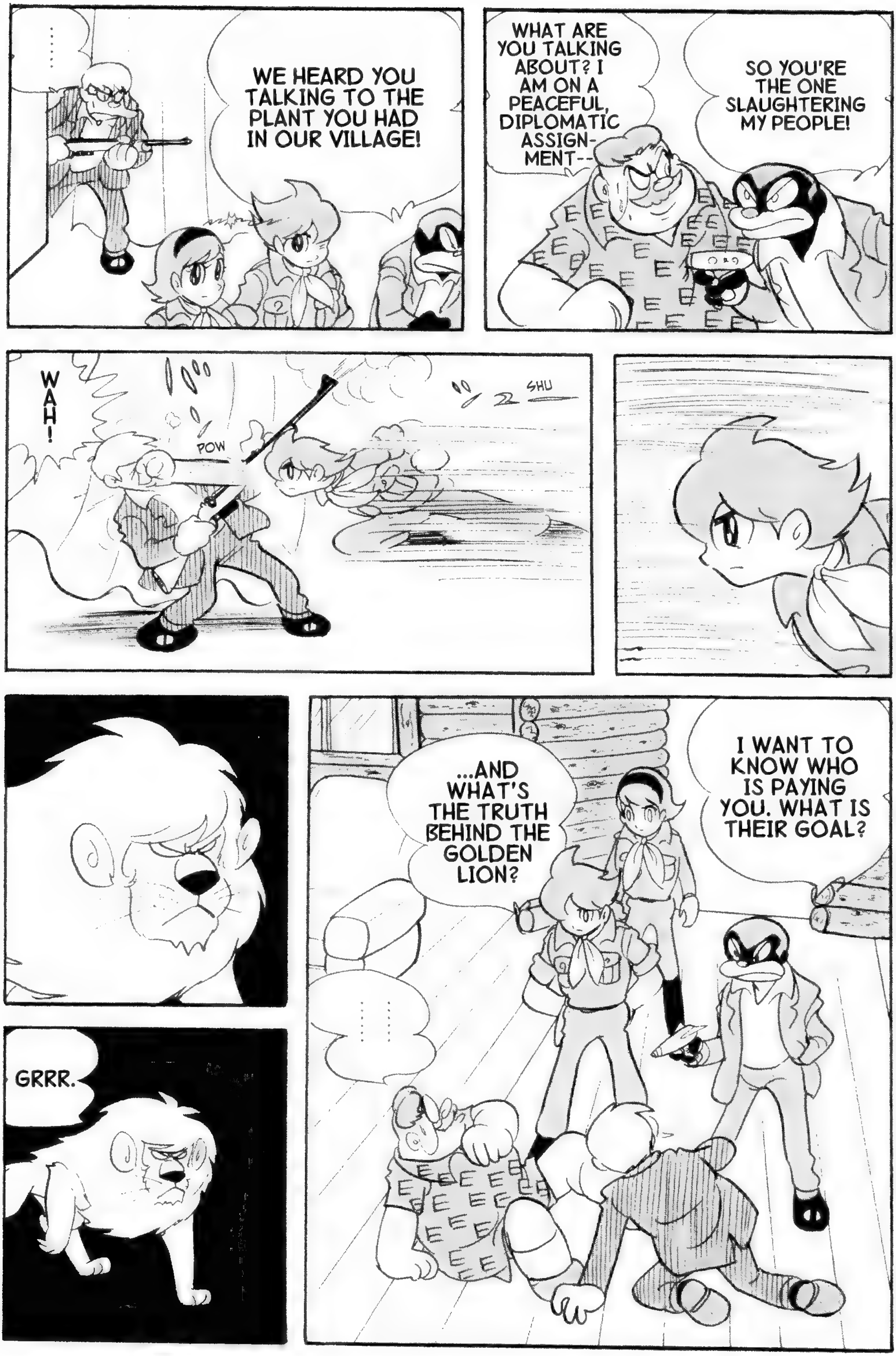
SAK ザッ
SAK ザッ
GRRRRR.


ボッボコ BOK BOK
ボッボコ BOK BOK
ボ BOK
F-FATHER... M-MOTHER!
I WILL AVENGE YOU!
WE WILL WIN OUR FREEDOM!
I... I PROMISE!!
008... WE'RE HERE TO FIGHT WITH YOU.
WE HAVE TO FIND THAT LION!
WE HAVE TO FIND HIM BEFORE HE CAN TERRORIZE ANOTHER VILLAGE!
HE'S INTELLIGENT, OBVIOUSLY!
WE CAN'T TRAP HIM LIKE WE CAN MOST CREATURES.
WE CAN'T LURE HIM IN WITH MEAT.
HE ONLY KILLS FOR THE PLEASURE OF IT!
REALLY?
DO YOU THINK IT'S A... CYBORG?


AND IT'S JUST AS FAST AS YOU ARE, 009.
I HIGHLY DOUBT IT.
SHU
WHAT ABOUT OUR BLASTERS?
SPEARS AND BULLETS JUST BOUNCE OFF ITS HIDE!
THAT'S MY GUESS.
HEH HEH.
HE HE HE HE, HO HO, WHEEE.
GERA GERA GERA...
ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE GOLDEN LION.
WHO WAS THAT?
THANKS FOR COMING WITH ME ON THIS TRIP. YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND.
JOE, THANKS!
HEE HEE HEE.
THAT'S TERRIBLE!
OH!
ONE SURVIVED... BUT HE WENT INSANE.
ABOUT TWENTY DAYS AGO, THE LION HUNTED AND ATTACKED TEN YOUNG VILLAGERS.


EXCUSE ME!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JOE?
I'M GOING TO FOLLOW HIM.
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT ABOUT HIM.
DID YOU SEE HIS EYES?
NO. WHY?
THEY WEREN'T THE EYES OF A MADMAN.
A MADMAN WOULD LOOK VACANT, BEYOND REACH.
THAT MAN IS SIMPLY ACTING CRAZY.
REALLY?
DOO
DOO
A RADIO! WHO IS HE CALLING?
HMM, I KNEW IT!
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE THAT THERE WAS ONE PERSON LEFT ALIVE.
WHOEVER HE'S CONTACTING...
...WILL LEAD US TO THE GOLDEN LION!


KLAP
SPLASH
SHUUU
.....
GOT SOMETHING TO REPORT?
STOMP
NOK
NOK
I BEG YOUR PARDON!
WAH!
WHO IS IT?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WE HEARD YOU TALKING TO THE PLANT YOU HAD IN OUR VILLAGE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I AM ON A PEACEFUL, DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT--
SO YOU'RE THE ONE SLAUGHTERING MY PEOPLE!
WAH!
POW
SHU
GRRR.
I WANT TO KNOW WHO IS PAYING YOU. WHAT IS THEIR GOAL?
...AND WHAT'S THE TRUTH BEHIND THE GOLDEN LION?
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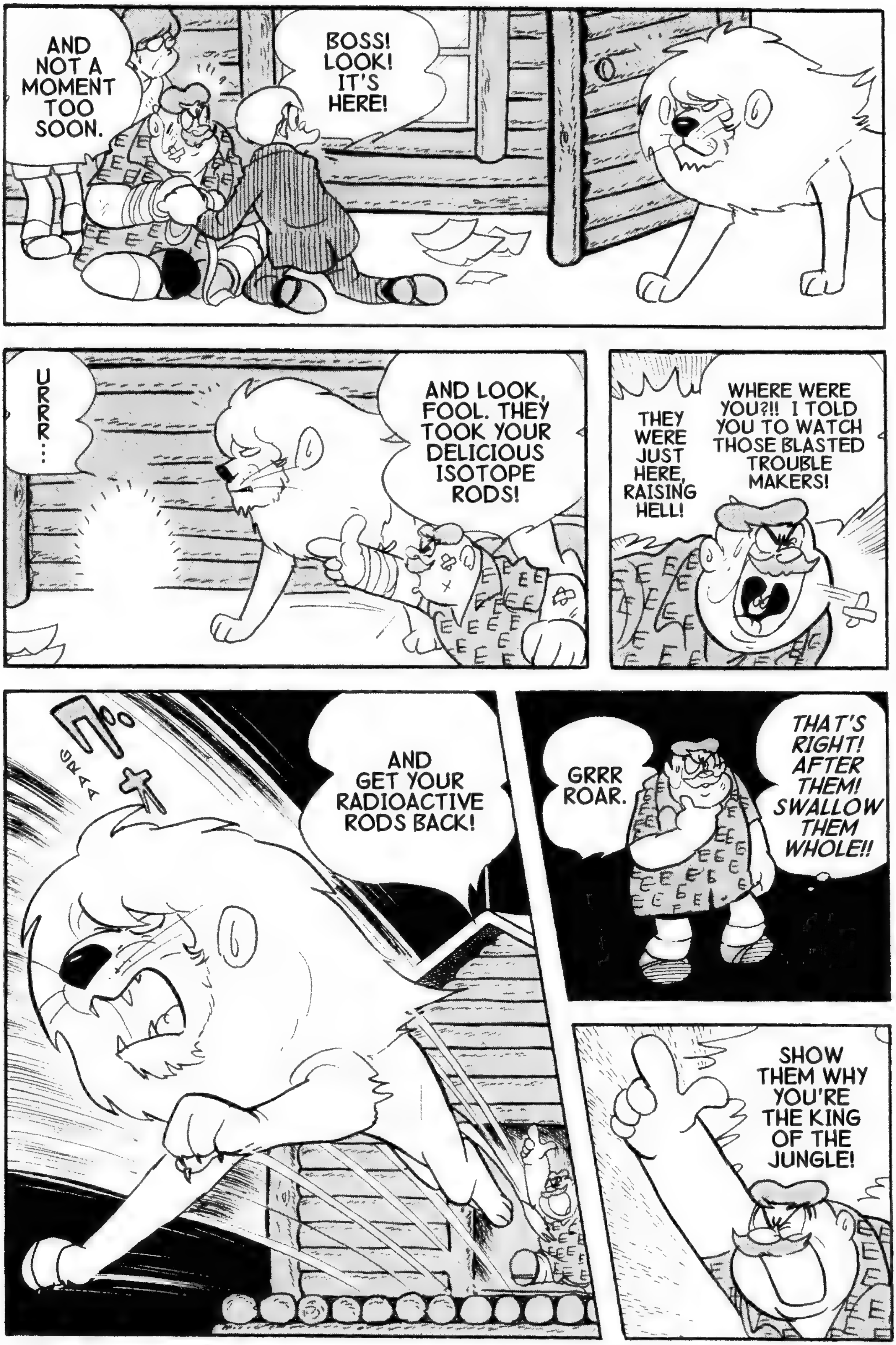
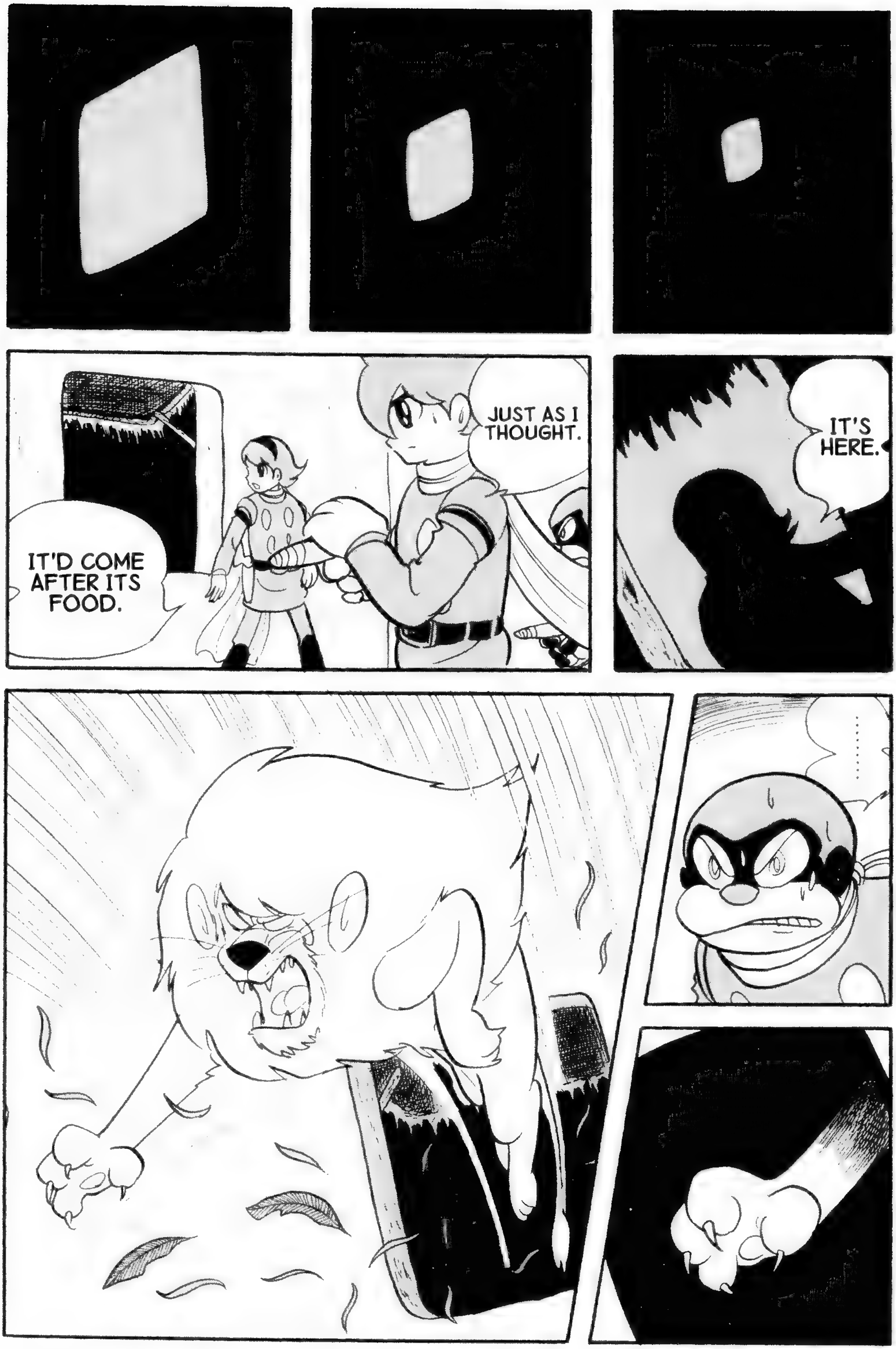

AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON.
BOSS! LOOK! IT'S HERE!
URRR...
AND LOOK, FOOL. THEY TOOK YOUR DELICIOUS ISOTOPE RODS!
THEY WERE JUST HERE, RAISING HELL!
WHERE WERE YOU?!! I TOLD YOU TO WATCH THOSE BLASTED TROUBLE MAKERS!
GRAA
AND GET YOUR RADIOACTIVE RODS BACK!
GRRR ROAR.
THAT'S RIGHT! AFTER THEM! SWALLOW THEM WHOLE!!
SHOW THEM WHY YOU'RE THE KING OF THE JUNGLE!


JUST AS I THOUGHT.
IT'D COME AFTER ITS FOOD.
IT'S HERE.
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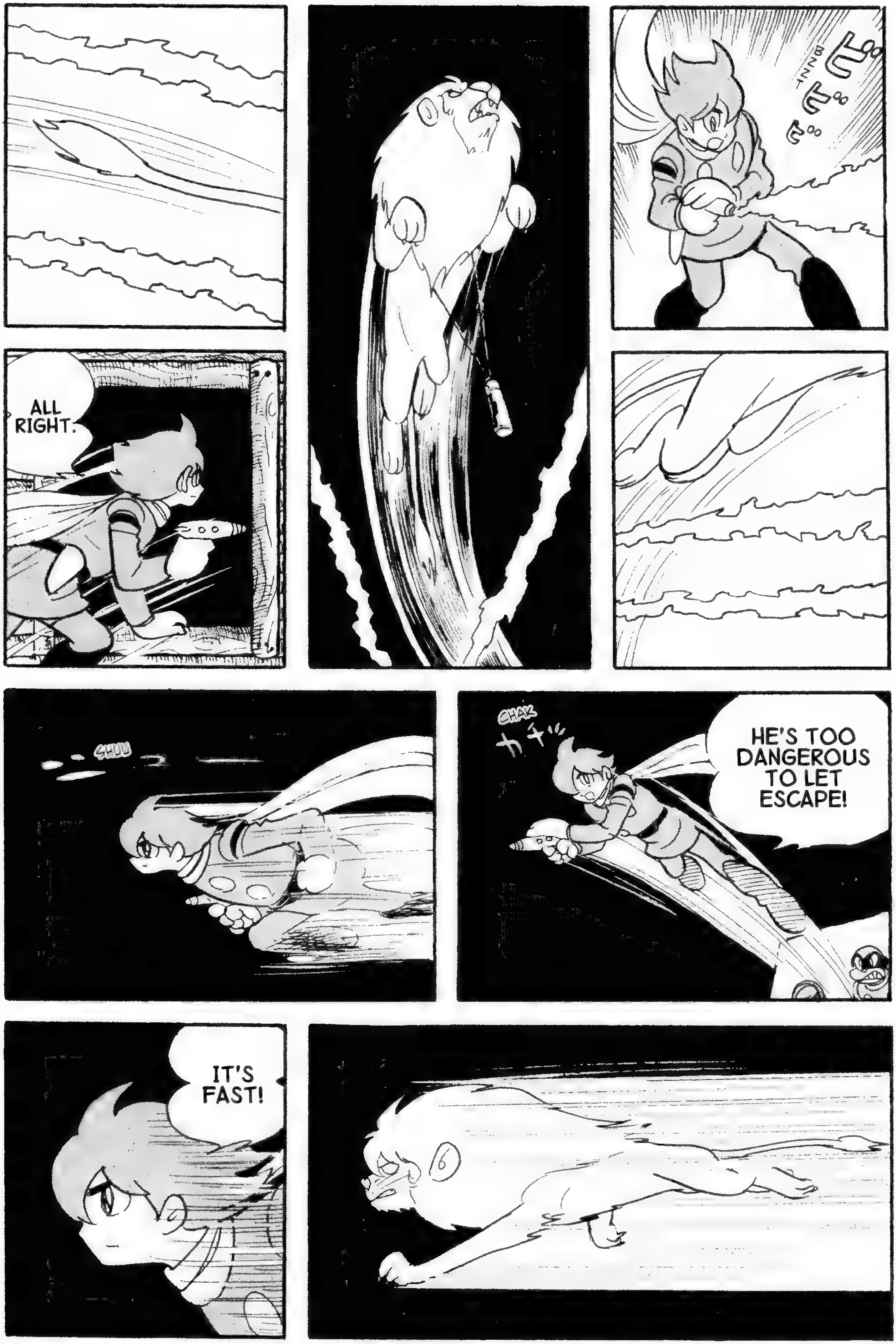
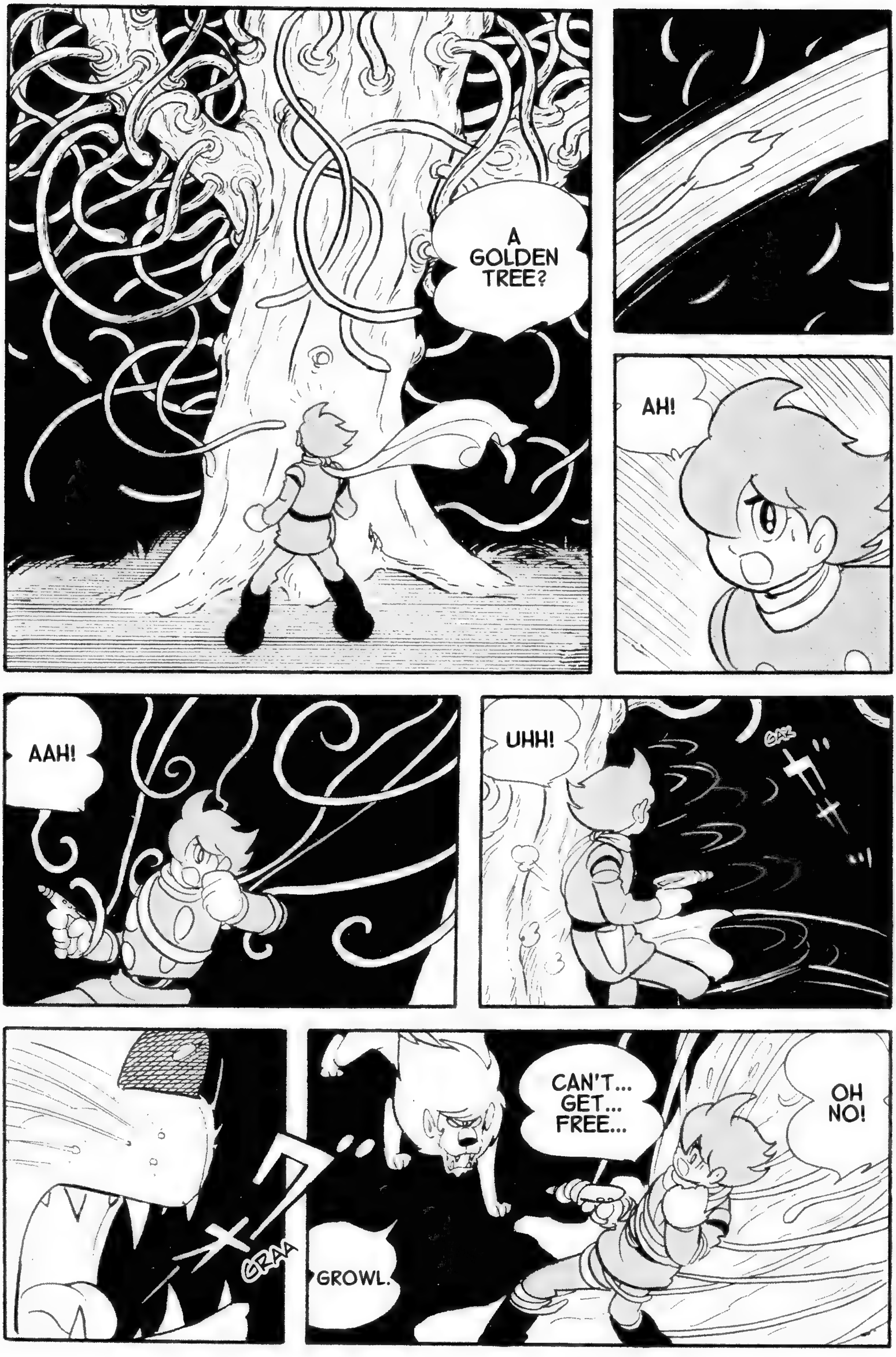
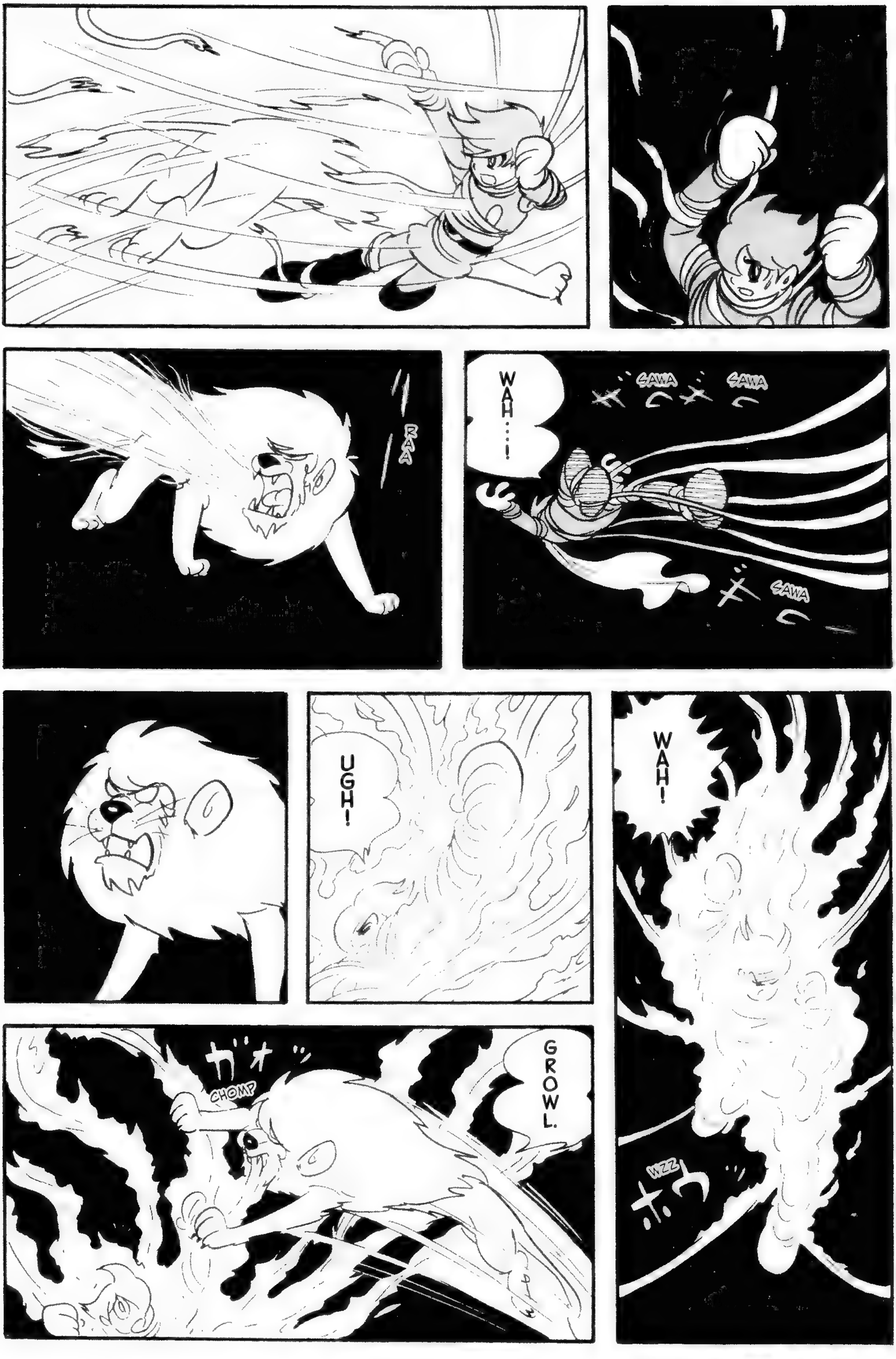
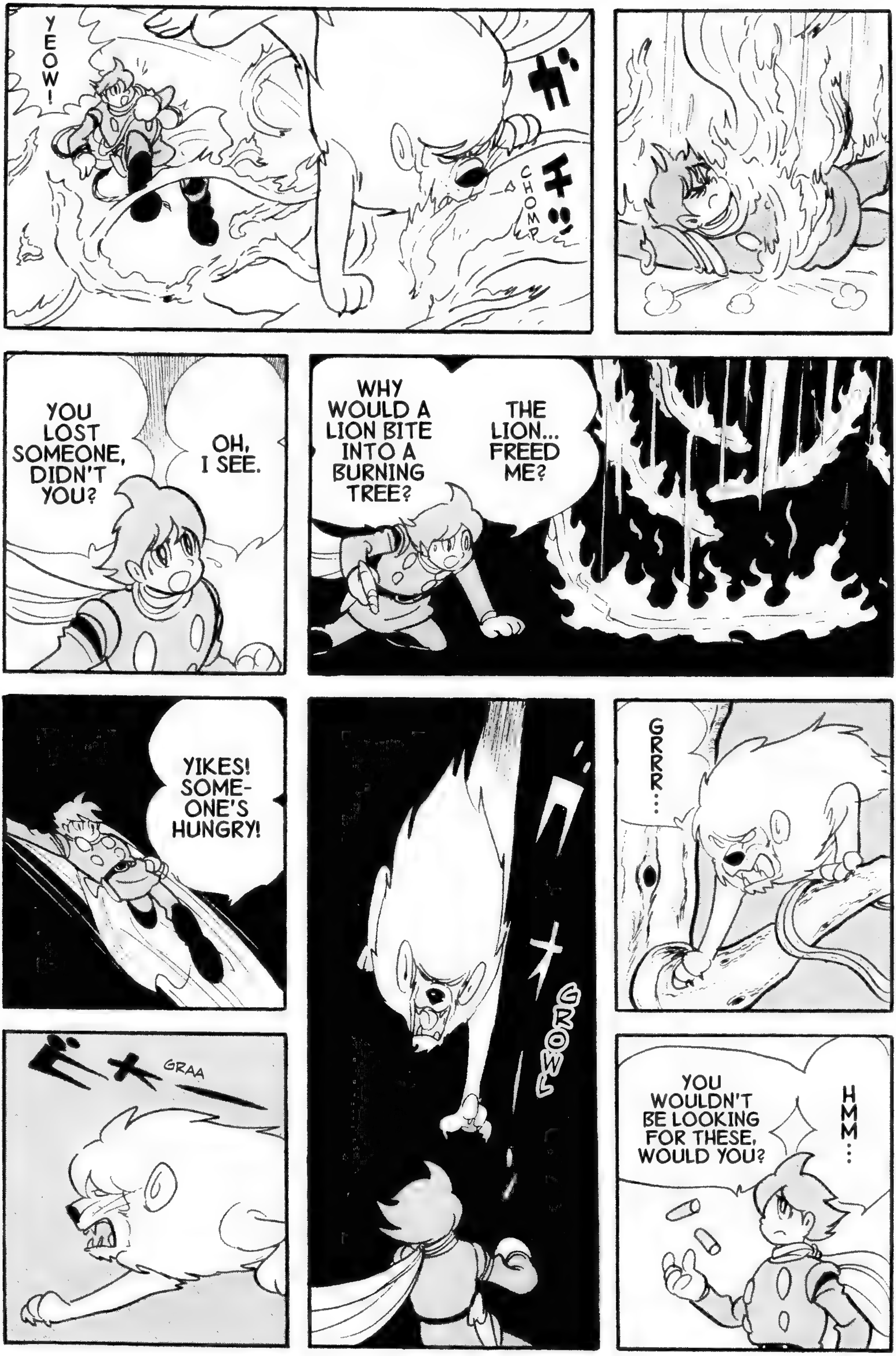
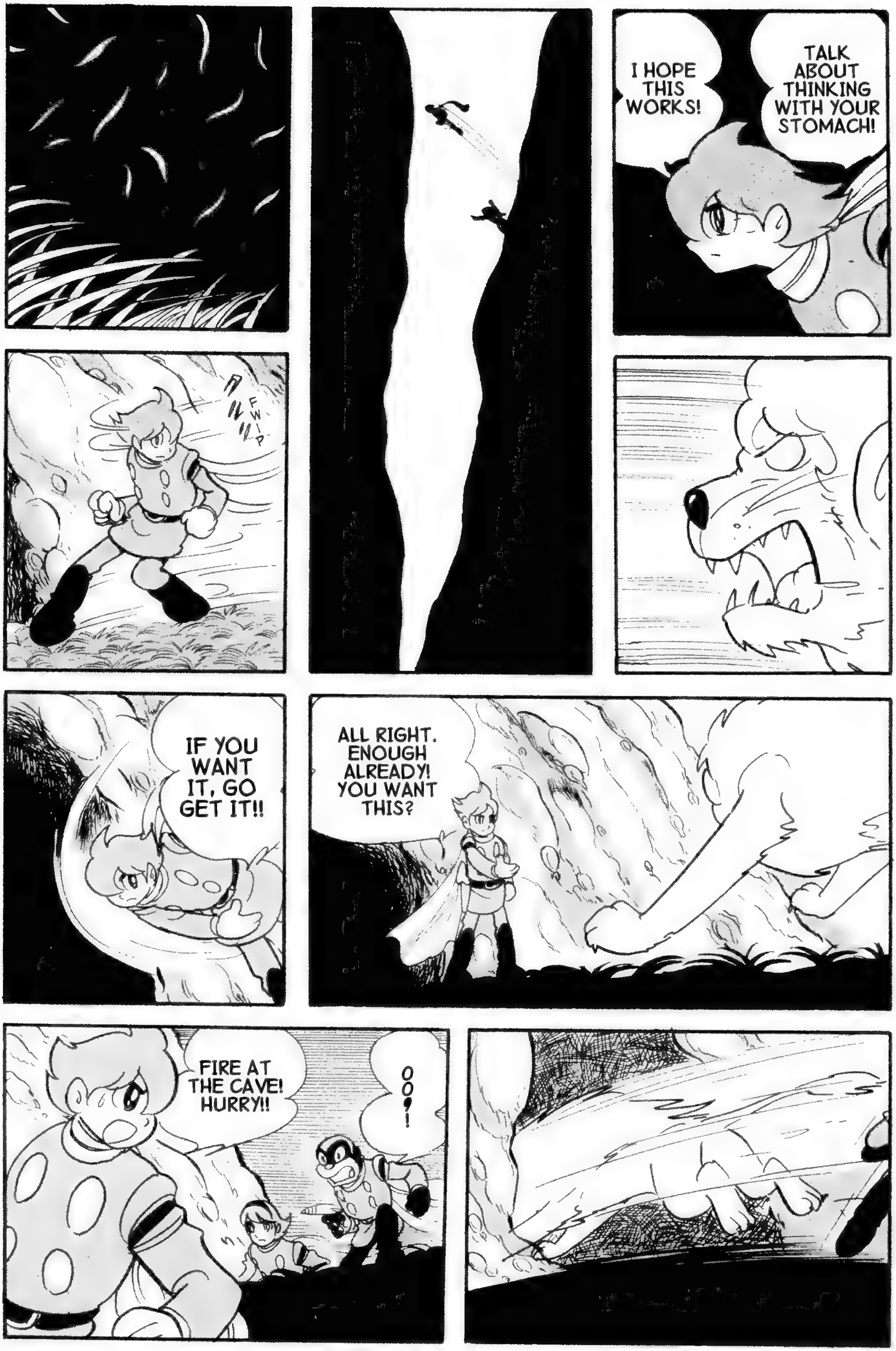
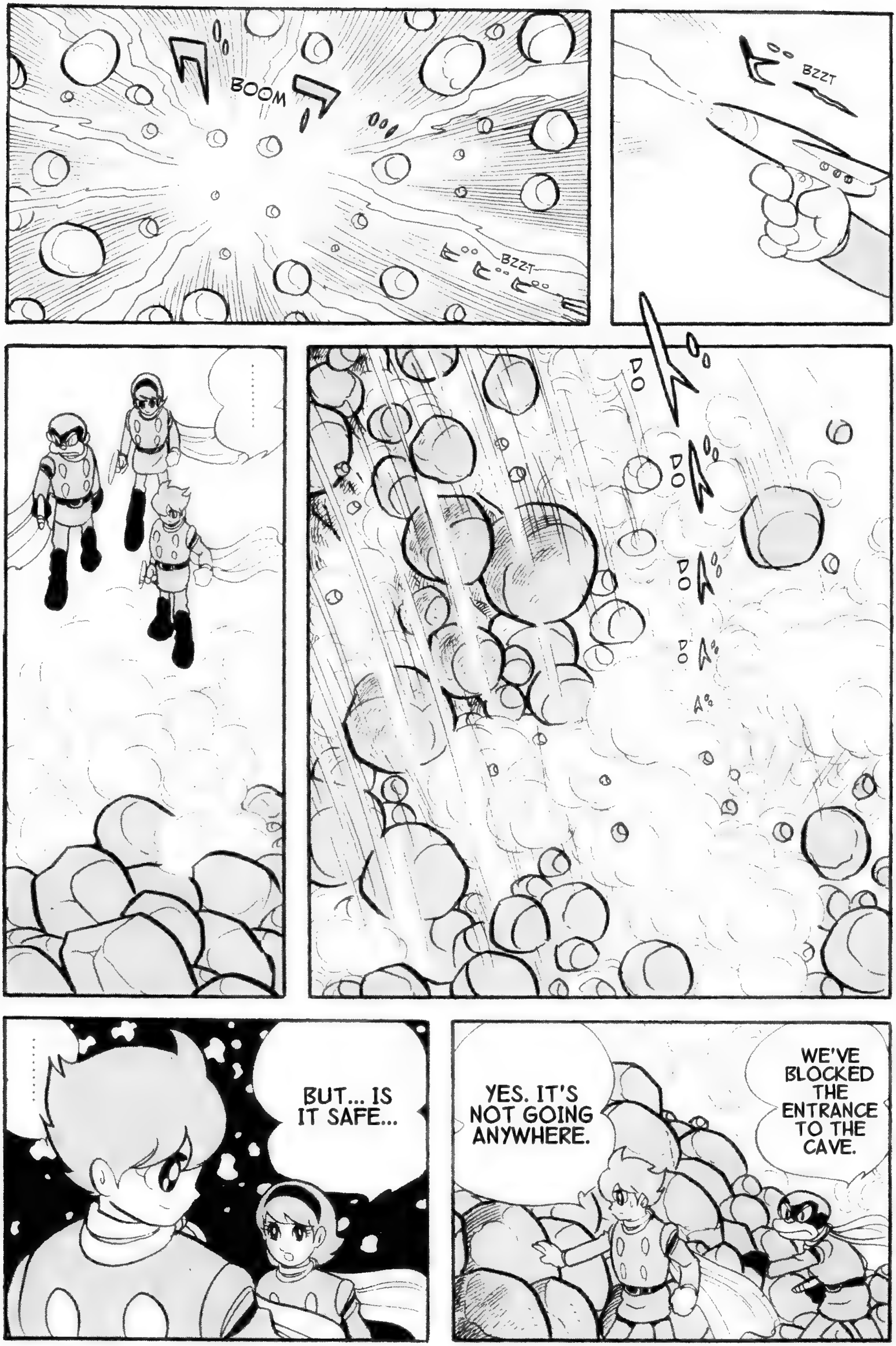

BZZT
ピ ピ ピ
ALL RIGHT.
SHUU
CHAK
カチ
HE'S TOO DANGEROUS TO LET ESCAPE!
IT'S FAST!

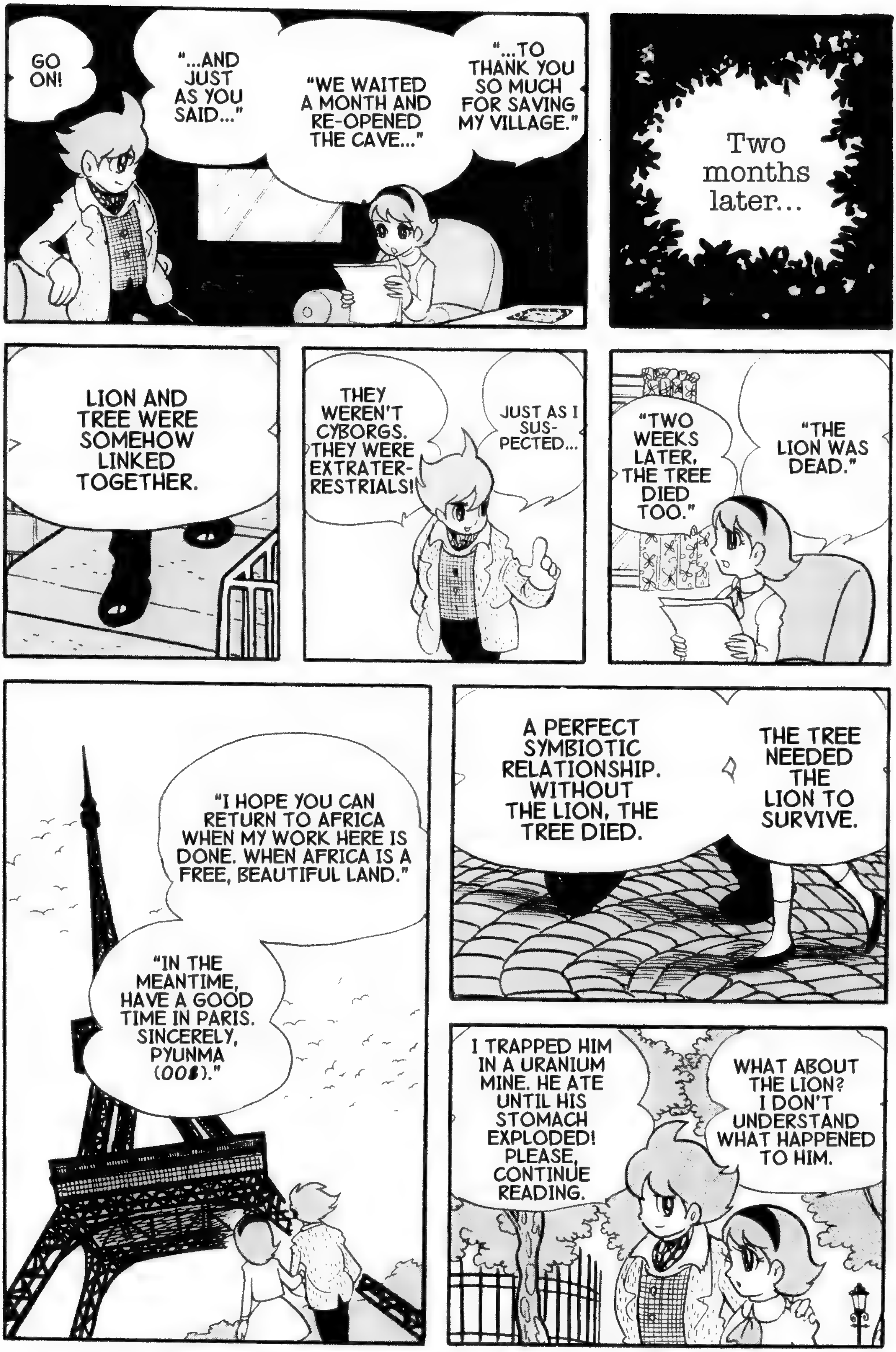

A GOLDEN TREE?
AH!
AAH!
UHH!
GAK
GRAA
GROWL.
CAN'T... GET... FREE...
OH NO!


WAH...!
SAWA
SAWA
SAWA
RAA
WAH!
WZZ
ホゥ
UGH!
GROWL.
ガオッ
CHOMP


YEOW!
ガチッ
CHOMP
THE LION... FREED ME?
WHY WOULD A LION BITE INTO A BURNING TREE?
OH, I SEE.
YOU LOST SOMEONE, DIDN'T YOU?
GRRR...
HMM...
YOU WOULDN'T BE LOOKING FOR THESE, WOULD YOU?
GROWL
YIKES! SOMEONE'S HUNGRY!
GRAA

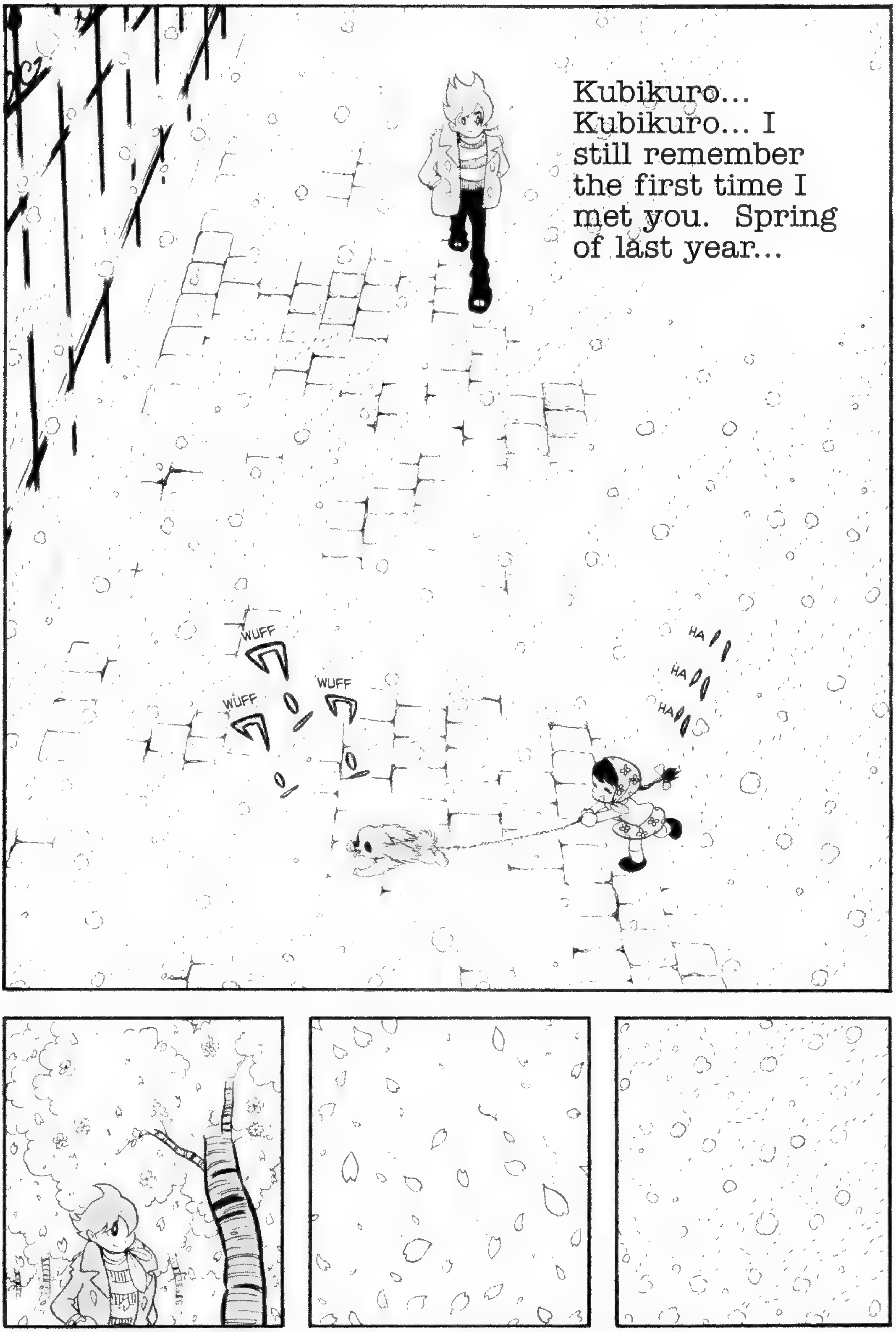

TALK ABOUT THINKING WITH YOUR STOMACH!
I HOPE THIS WORKS!
FWIP
ALL RIGHT. ENOUGH ALREADY! YOU WANT THIS?
IF YOU WANT IT, GO GET IT!!
OO?!
FIRE AT THE CAVE! HURRY!!

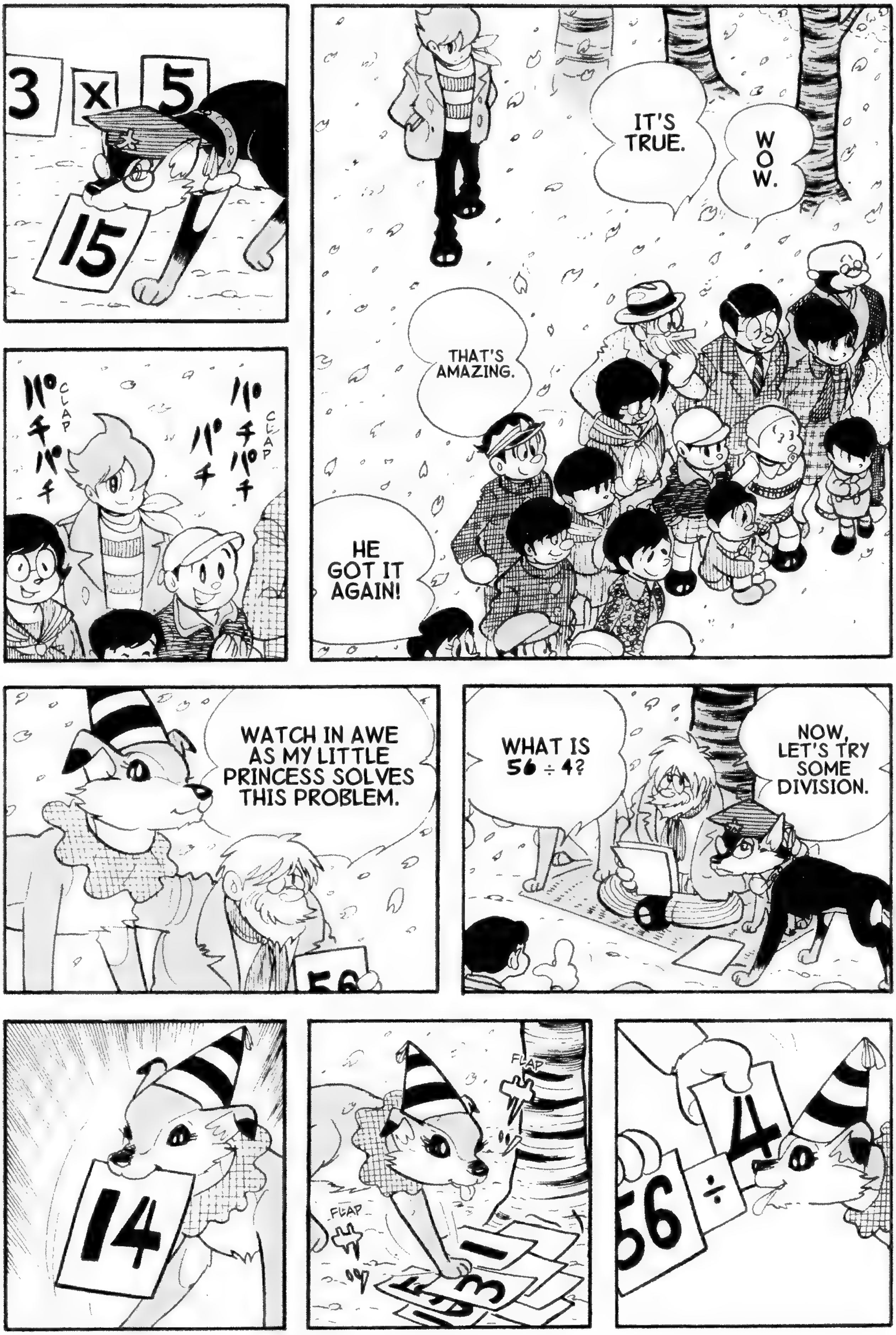

BOOM
BZZ-T
BZZT
......
DO
DO
DO
DO
......
BUT... IS IT SAFE...
YES. IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
WE'VE BLOCKED THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAVE.

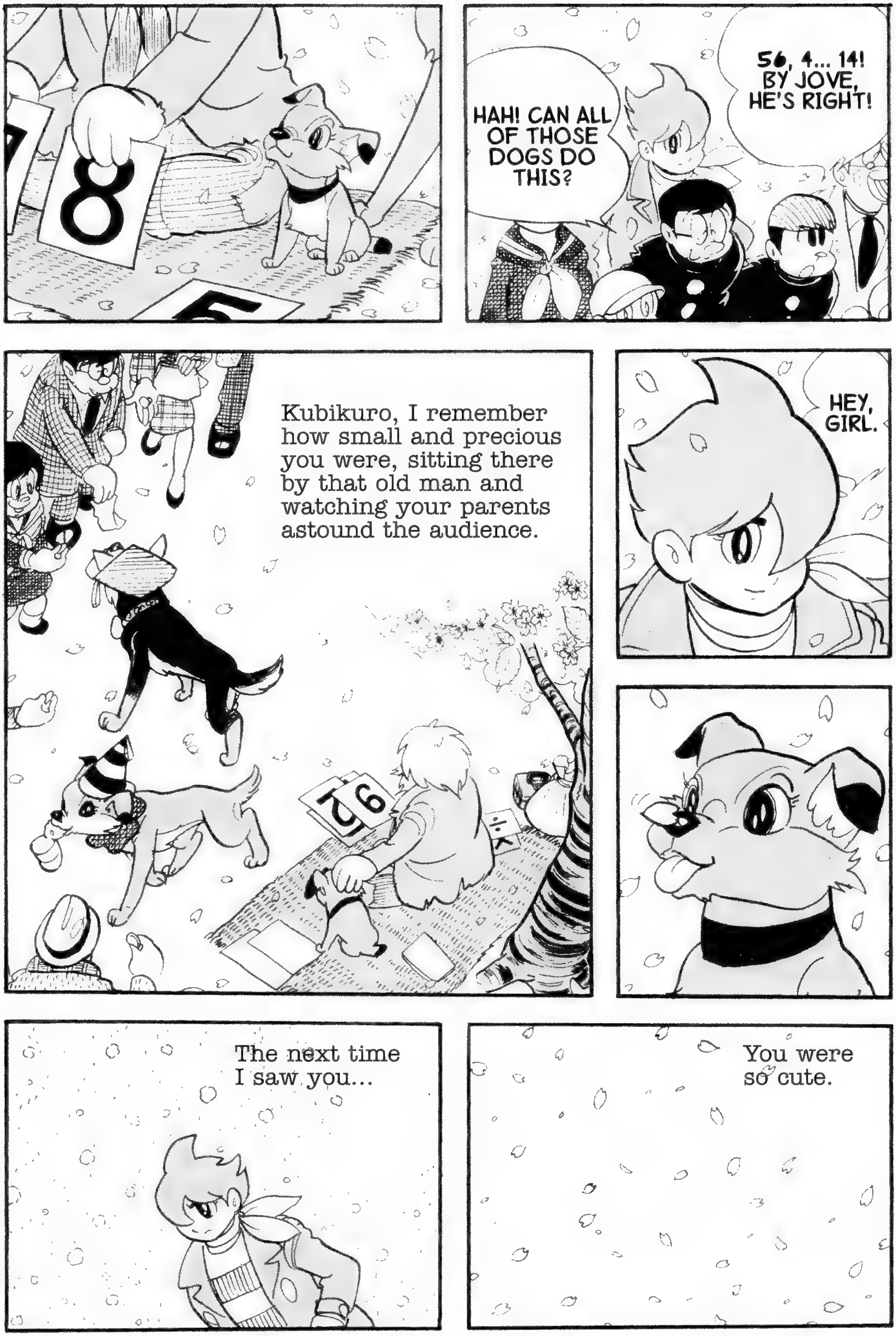

Two months later...
"...TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAVING MY VILLAGE."
"WE WAITED A MONTH AND RE-OPENED THE CAVE..."
"...AND JUST AS YOU SAID..."
GO ON!
"THE LION WAS DEAD."
"TWO WEEKS LATER, THE TREE DIED TOO."
JUST AS I SUSPECTED...
THEY WEREN'T CYBORGS. THEY WERE EXTRATERRESTRIALS!
LION AND TREE WERE SOMEHOW LINKED TOGETHER.
THE TREE NEEDED THE LION TO SURVIVE.
A PERFECT SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP. WITHOUT THE LION, THE TREE DIED.
WHAT ABOUT THE LION? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.
I TRAPPED HIM IN A URANIUM MINE. HE ATE UNTIL HIS STOMACH EXPLODED! PLEASE, CONTINUE READING.
"I HOPE YOU CAN RETURN TO AFRICA WHEN MY WORK HERE IS DONE. WHEN AFRICA IS A FREE, BEAUTIFUL LAND."
"IN THE MEANTIME, HAVE A GOOD TIME IN PARIS. SINCERELY, PYUNMA (008)."

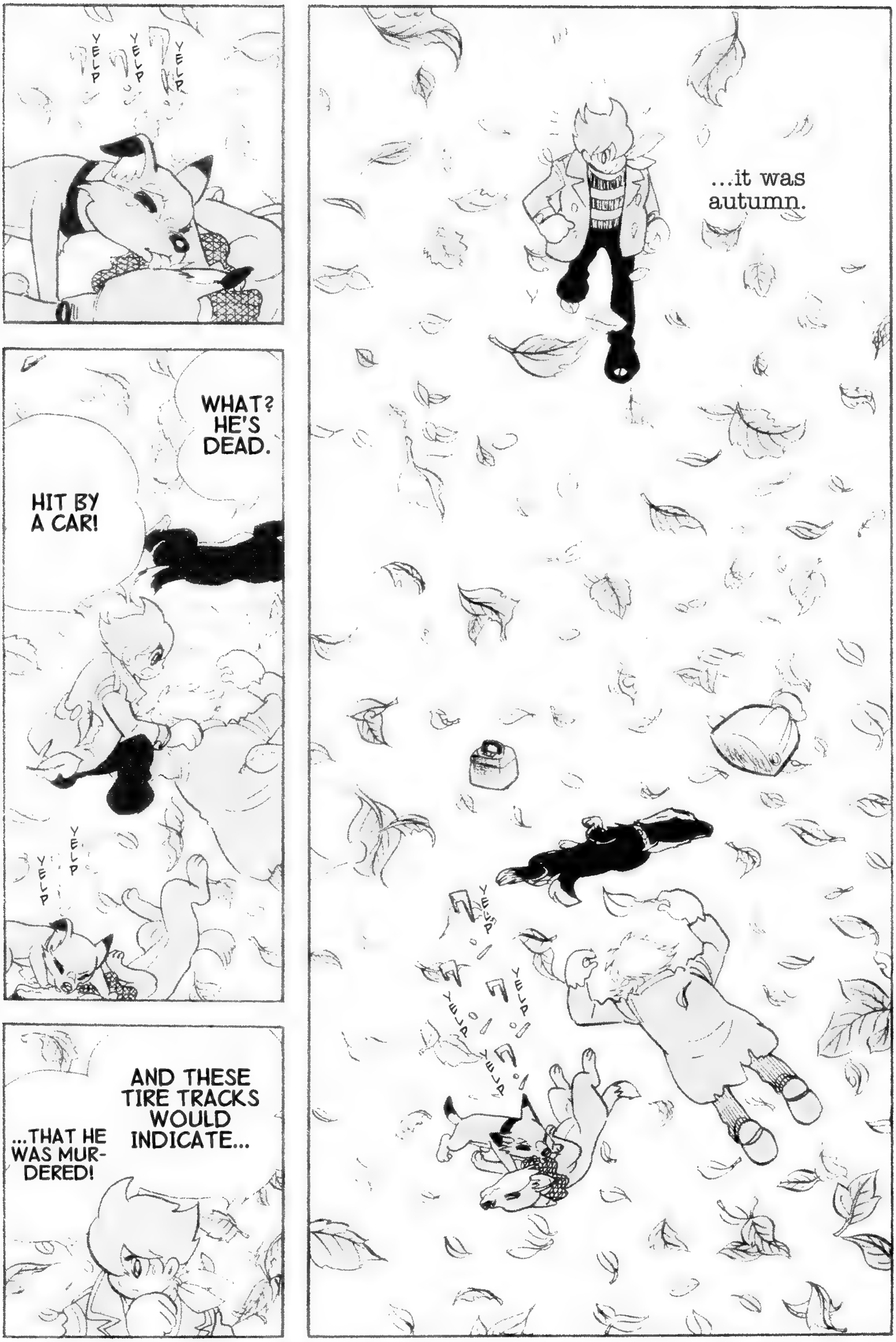
CYBORG SOLDIERS

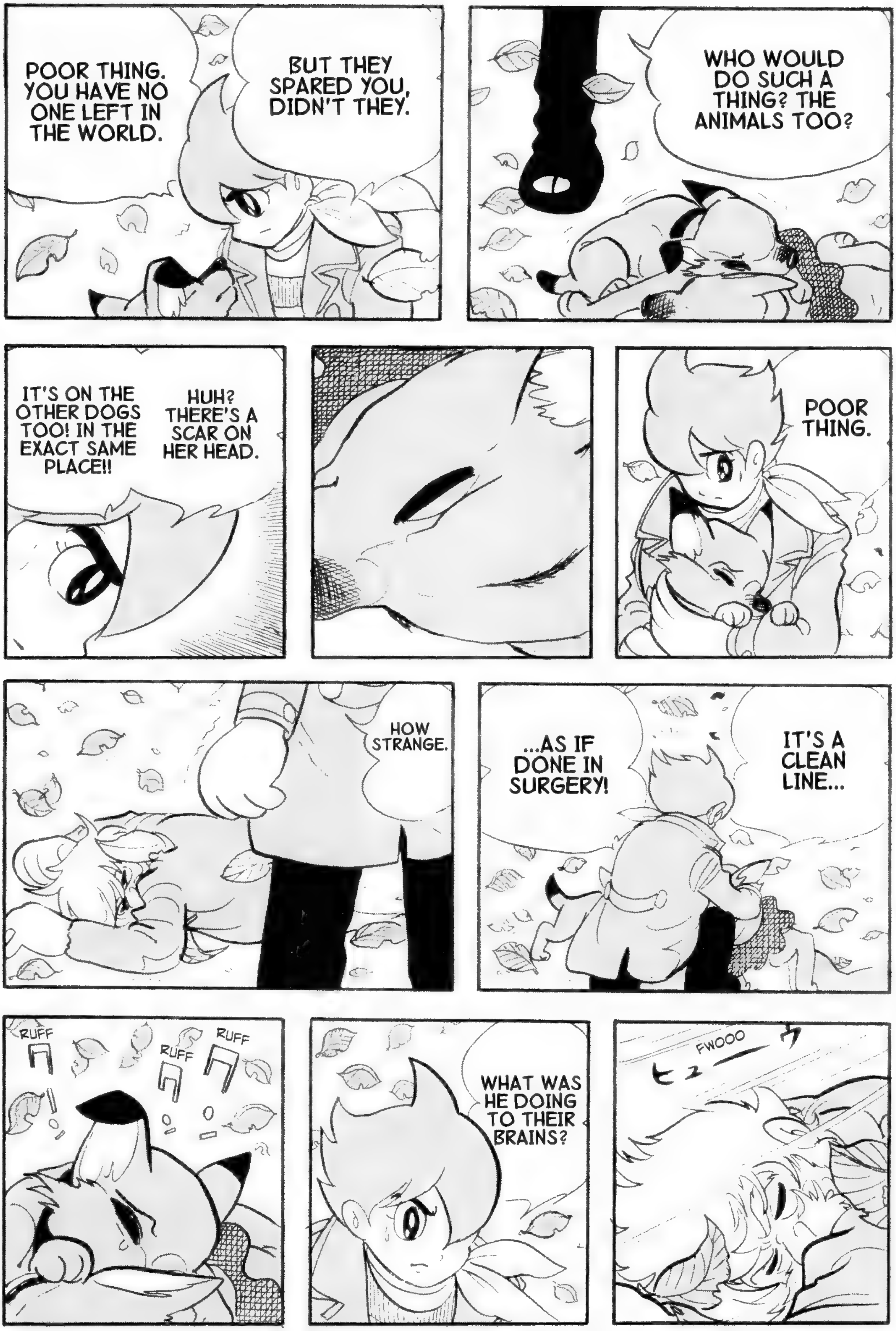
THE PHANTOM ADOG

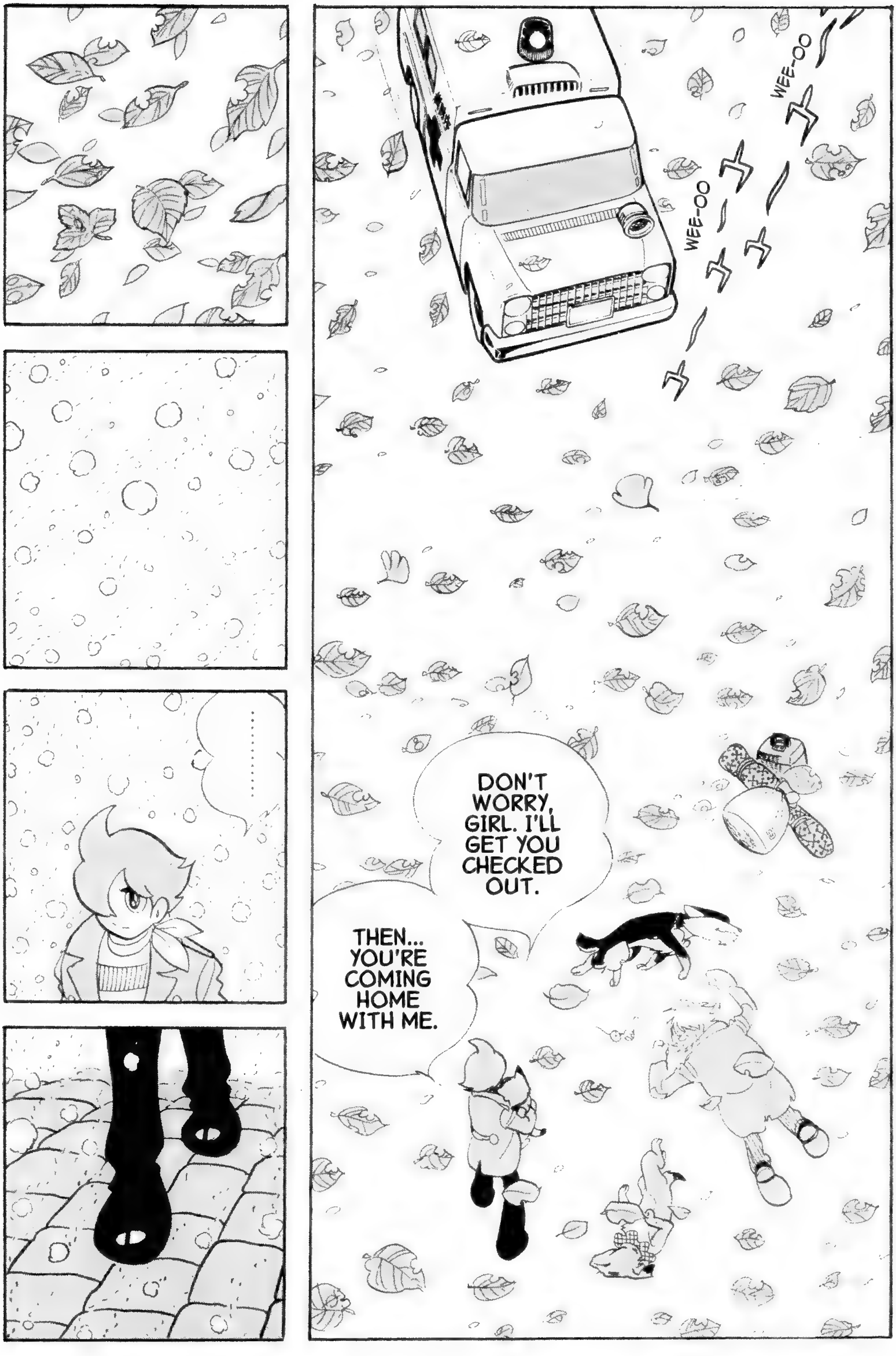

Kubikuro... Kubikuro... I still remember the first time I met you. Spring of last year...
HA
HA
HA
WUFF
WUFF
WUFF


WOW.
IT'S TRUE.
THAT'S AMAZING.
HE GOT IT AGAIN!
3 x 5
15
パチパチ
パチ
CLAP
パチパチ
CLAP
NOW, LET'S TRY SOME DIVISION.
WHAT IS 56 ÷ 4?
WATCH IN AWE AS MY LITTLE PRINCESS SOLVES THIS PROBLEM.
56
56 ÷ 4
FLAP
FLAP
14


56, 4... 14! BY JOVE, HE'S RIGHT!
HAH! CAN ALL OF THOSE DOGS DO THIS?
8
5
HEY, GIRL.
Kubikuro, I remember how small and precious you were, sitting there by that old man and watching your parents astound the audience.
You were so cute.
The next time I saw you...


YELP YELP YELP
WHAT? HE'S DEAD.
HIT BY A CAR!
YELP YELP
AND THESE TIRE TRACKS WOULD INDICATE...
...THAT HE WAS MURDERED!
...it was autumn.
YELP
YELP
YELP
YELP


POOR THING. YOU HAVE NO ONE LEFT IN THE WORLD.
BUT THEY SPARED YOU, DIDN'T THEY.
WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING? THE ANIMALS TOO?
HUH? THERE'S A SCAR ON HER HEAD.
IT'S ON THE OTHER DOGS TOO! IN THE EXACT SAME PLACE!!
POOR THING.
HOW STRANGE.
IT'S A CLEAN LINE...
...AS IF DONE IN SURGERY!
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
WHAT WAS HE DOING TO THEIR BRAINS?
FWOOO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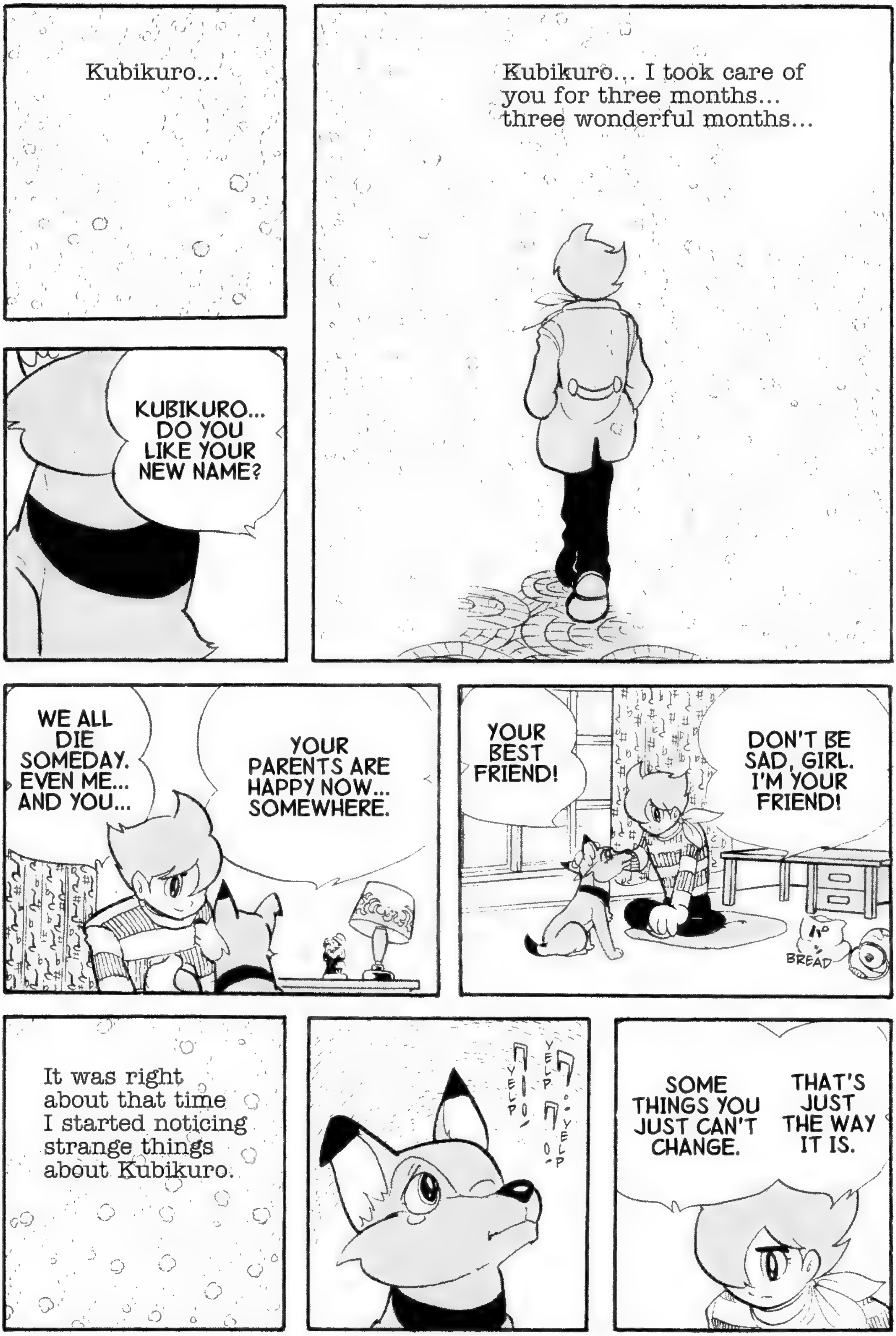
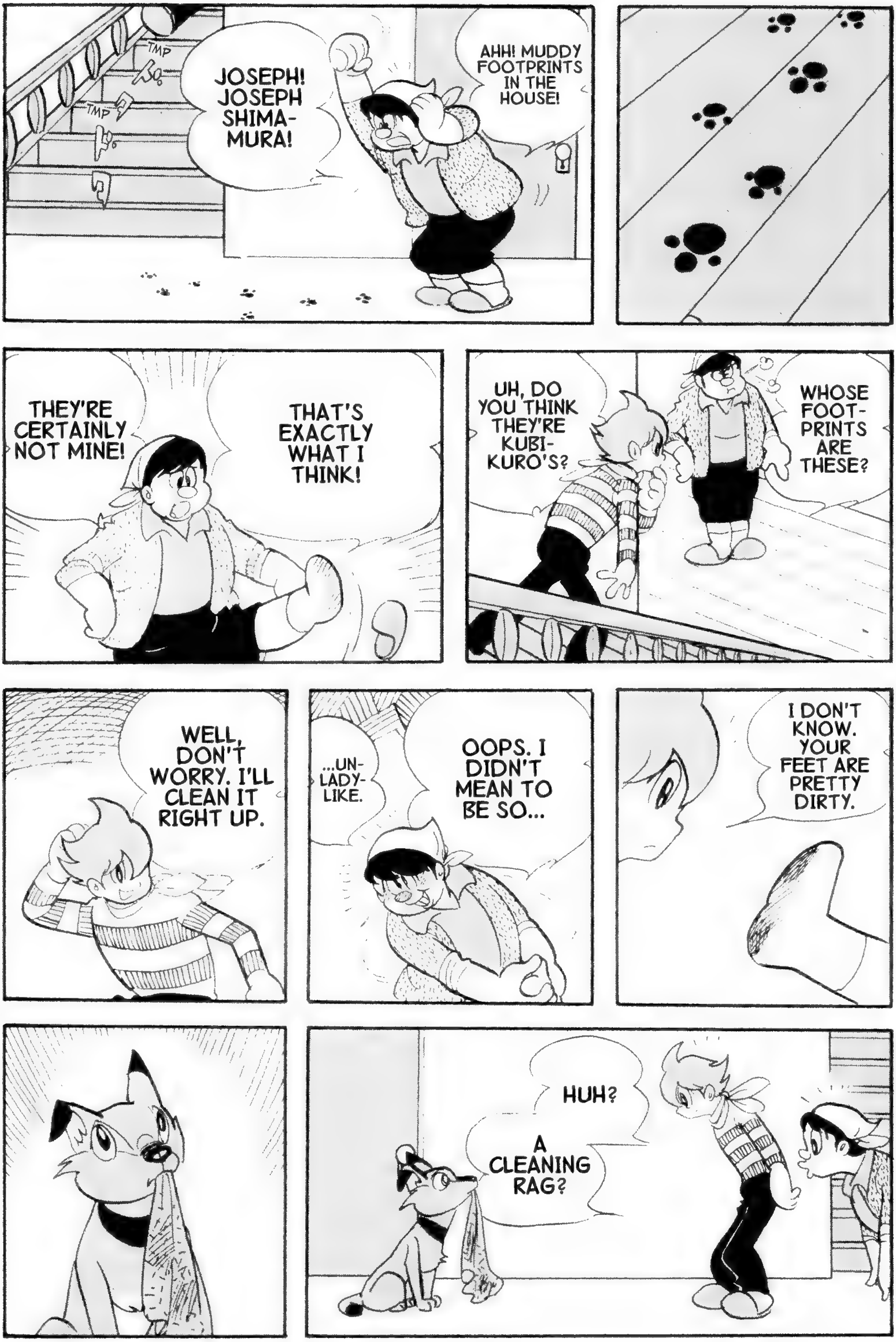
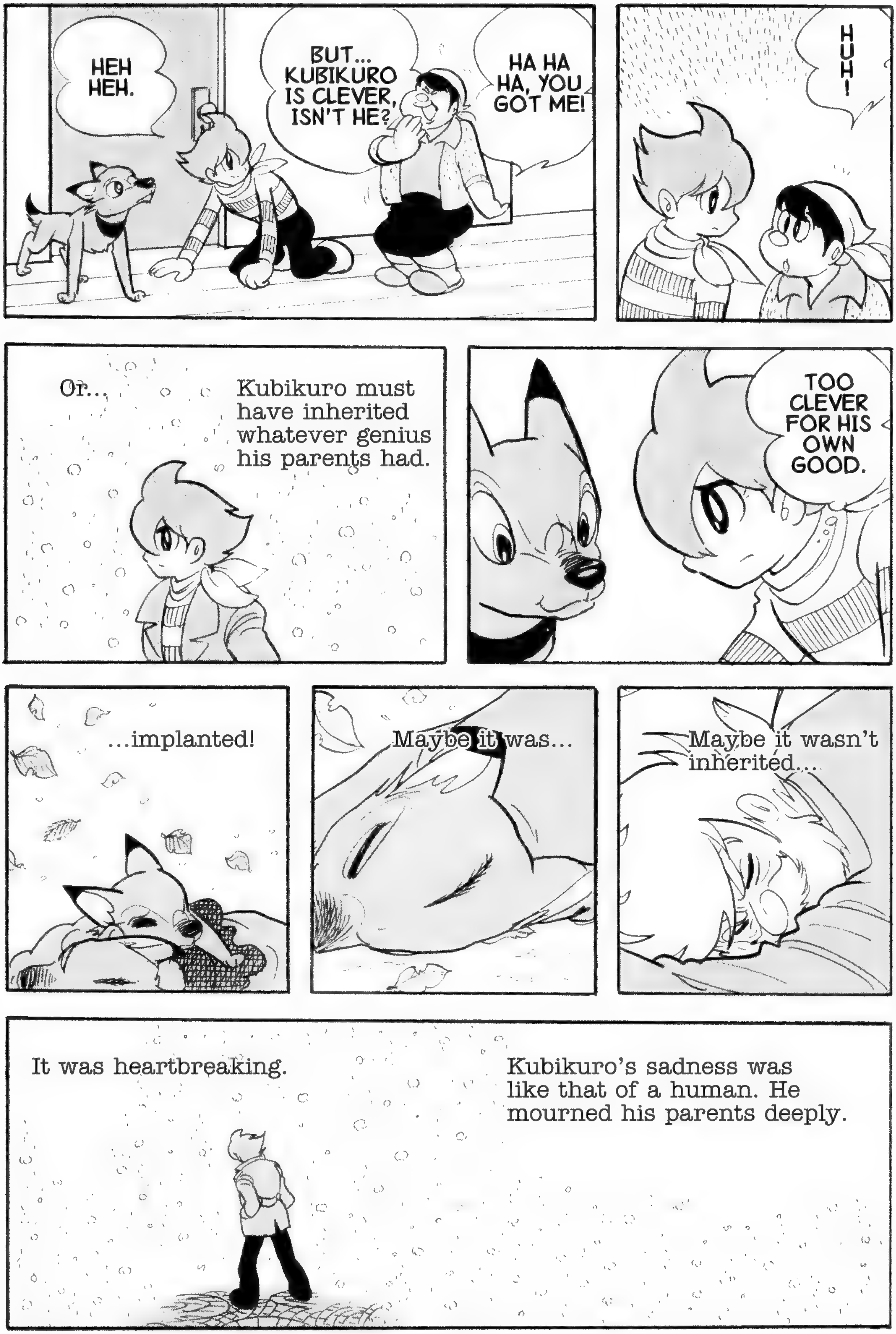
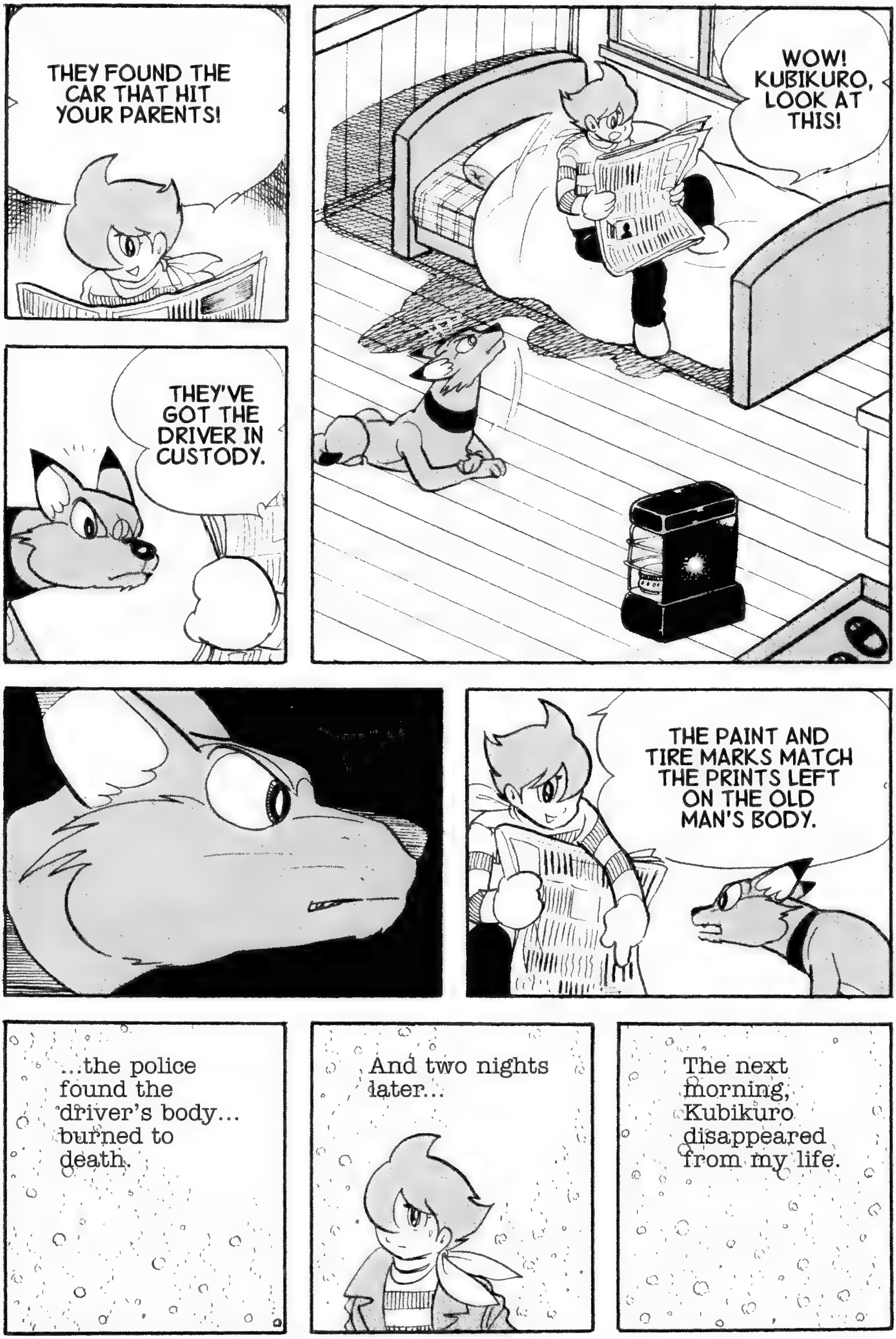
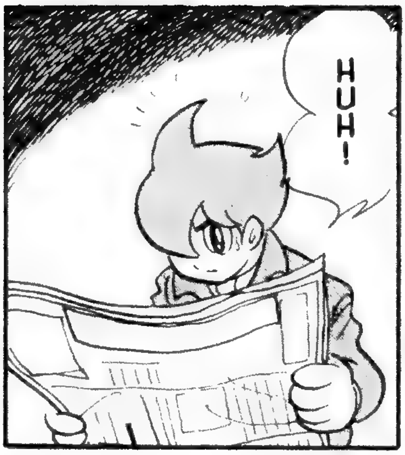
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
DON'T WORRY, GIRL. I'LL GET YOU CHECKED OUT.
THEN... YOU'RE COMING HOME WITH ME.

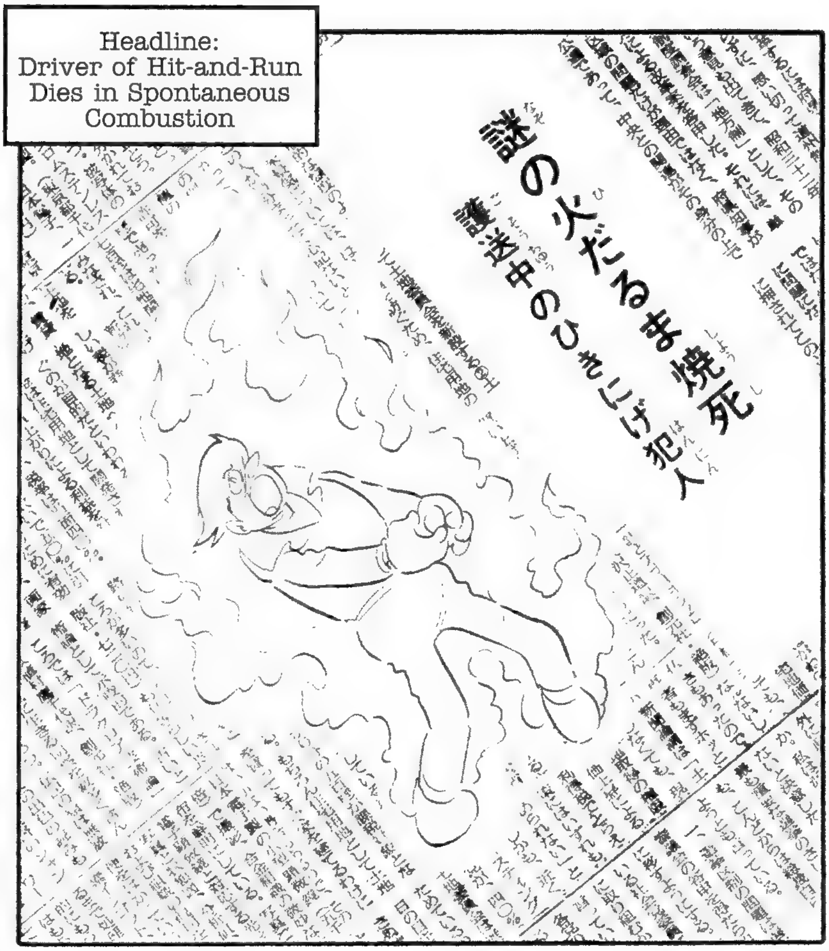

Kubikuro...
Kubikuro... I took care of you for three months... three wonderful months...
KUBIKURO... DO YOU LIKE YOUR NEW NAME?
YOUR PARENTS ARE HAPPY NOW... SOMEWHERE.
WE ALL DIE SOMEDAY. EVEN ME... AND YOU...
DON'T BE SAD, GIRL. I'M YOUR FRIEND!
YOUR BEST FRIEND!
BREAD
It was right about that time I started noticing strange things about Kubikuro.
YELP
YELP
YELP
YELP
THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS.
SOME THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T CHANGE.

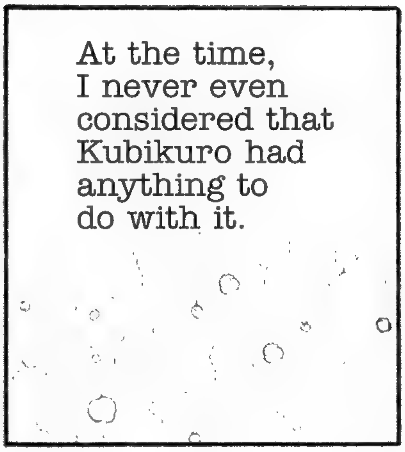
AHH! MUDDY FOOTPRINTS IN THE HOUSE!
JOSEPH! JOSEPH SHIMAMURA!
TMP
TMP
WHOSE FOOTPRINTS ARE THESE?
UH, DO YOU THINK THEY'RE KUBIKURO'S?
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I THINK!
THEY'RE CERTAINLY NOT MINE!
I DON'T KNOW. YOUR FEET ARE PRETTY DIRTY.
OOPS. I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE SO...
...UNLADYLIKE.
WELL, DON'T WORRY. I'LL CLEAN IT RIGHT UP.
HUH?
A CLEANING RAG?

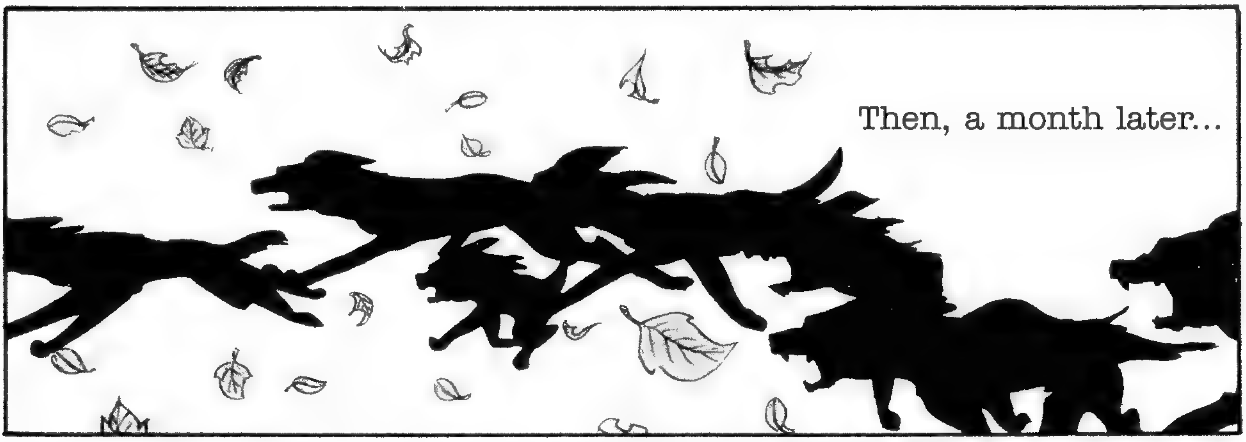

HA HA HA, YOU GOT ME!
BUT... KUBIKURO IS CLEVER, ISN'T HE?
HEH HEH.
HUH!
TOO CLEVER FOR HIS OWN GOOD.
Kubikuro must have inherited whatever genius his parents had.
Or...
Maybe it wasn't inherited...
Maybe it was...
...implanted!
Kubikuro's sadness was like that of a human. He mourned his parents deeply.
It was heartbreaking.

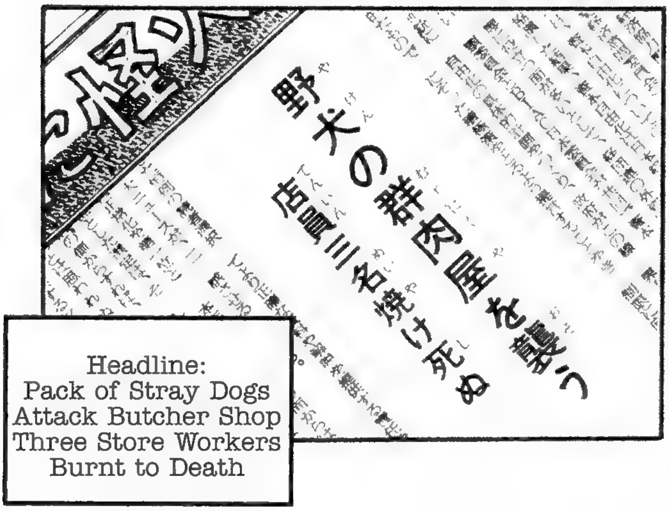

WOW! KUBIKURO, LOOK AT THIS!
THEY FOUND THE CAR THAT HIT YOUR PARENTS!
THEY'VE GOT THE DRIVER IN CUSTODY.
THE PAINT AND TIRE MARKS MATCH THE PRINTS LEFT ON THE OLD MAN'S BODY.
And two nights later...
...the police found the driver's body... burned to death.
The next morning, Kubikuro disappeared from my life.

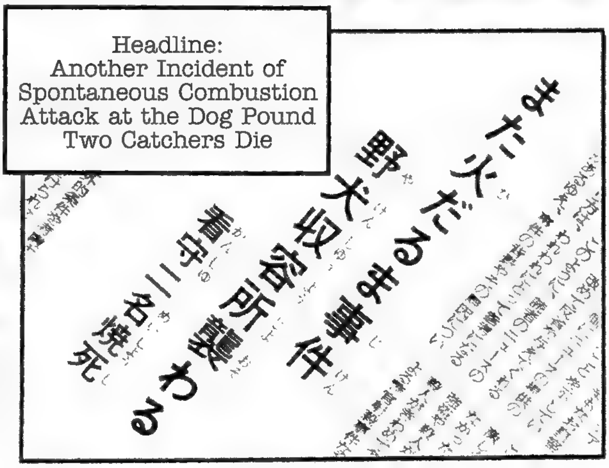

HUH!


Headline:
Driver of Hit-and-Run
Dies in Spontaneous
Combustion
謎の火だるま焼死
護送中のひきにげ犯人

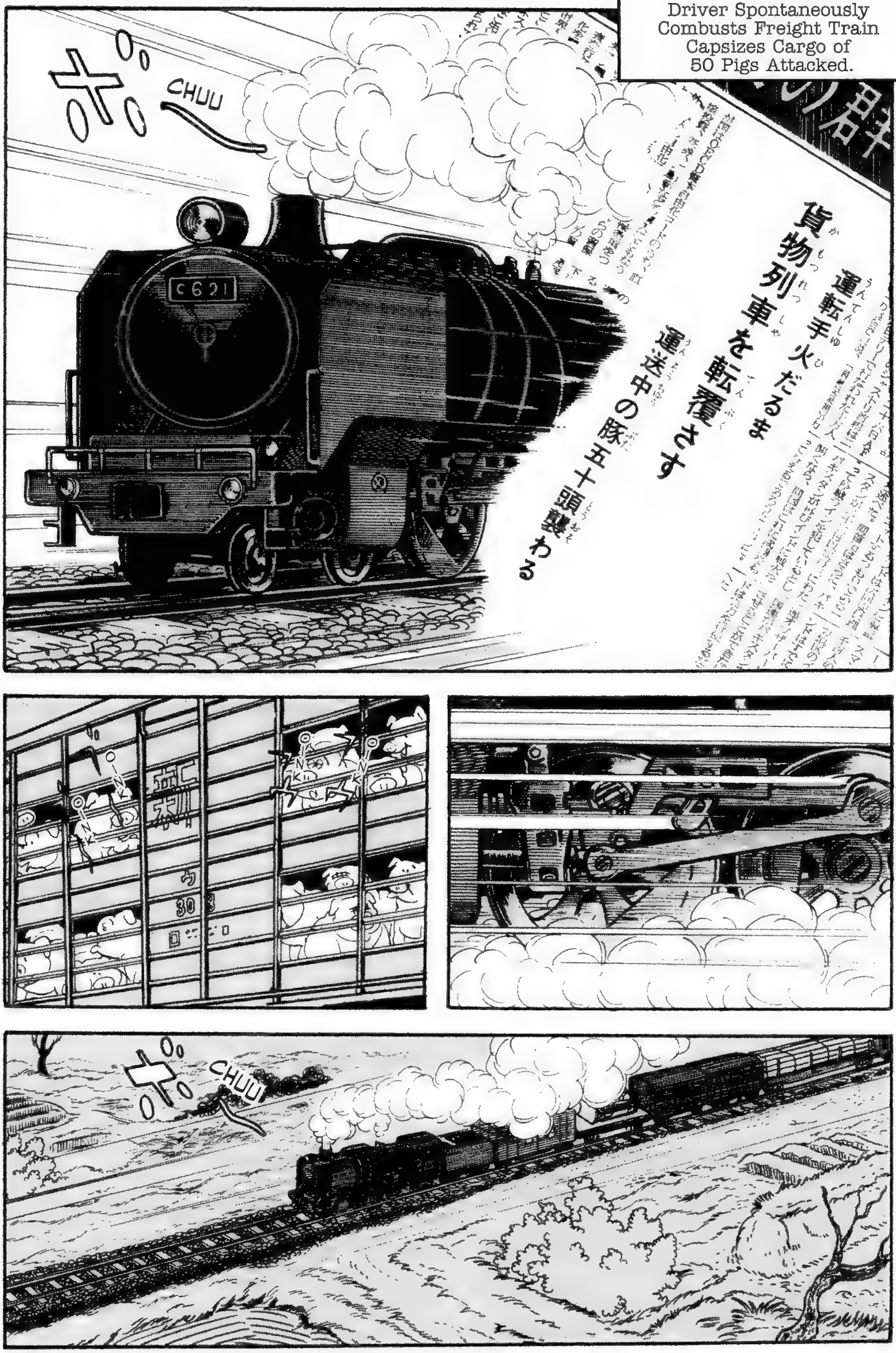

At the time,
I never even
considered that
Kubikuro had
anything to
do with it.

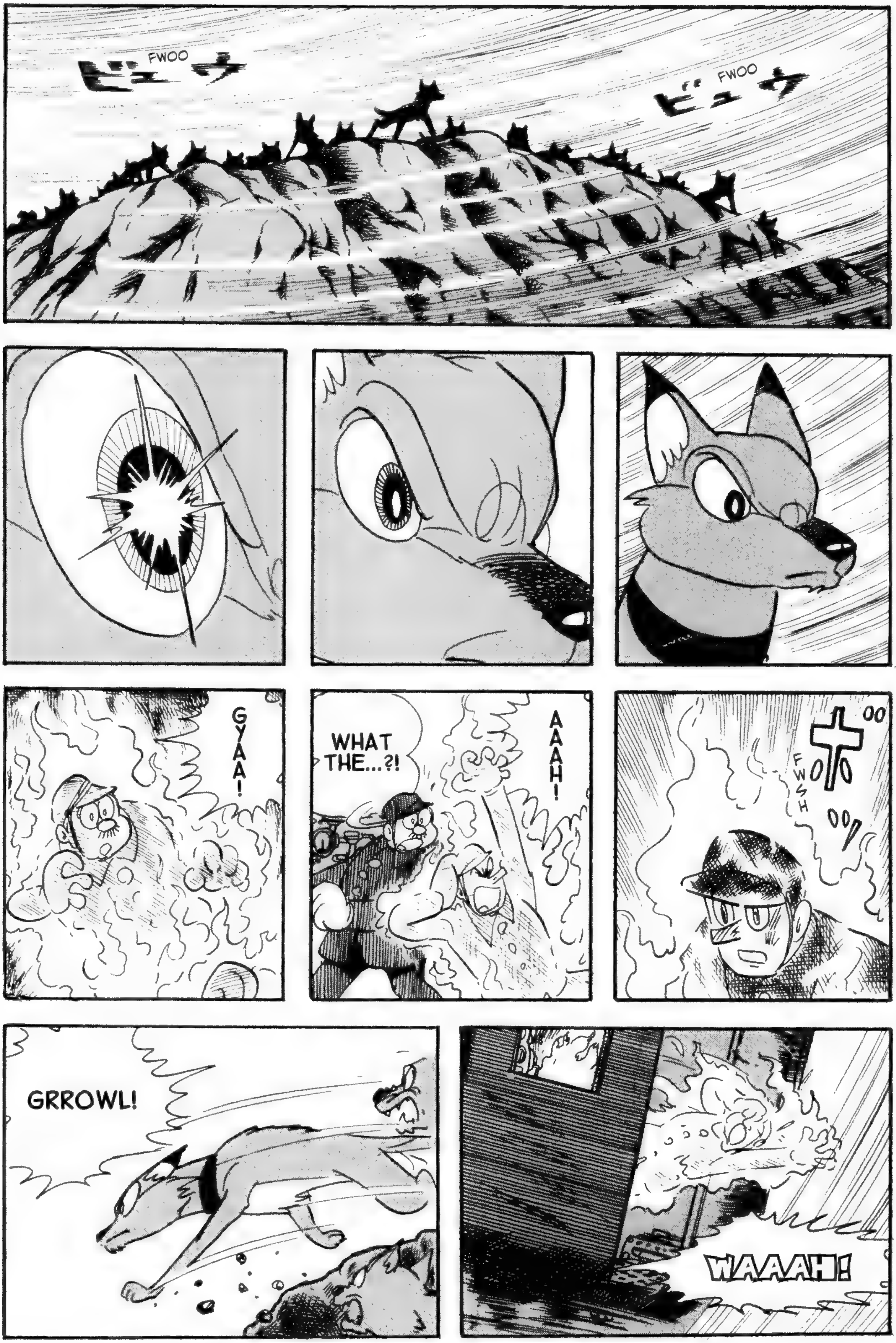

Then, a month later...

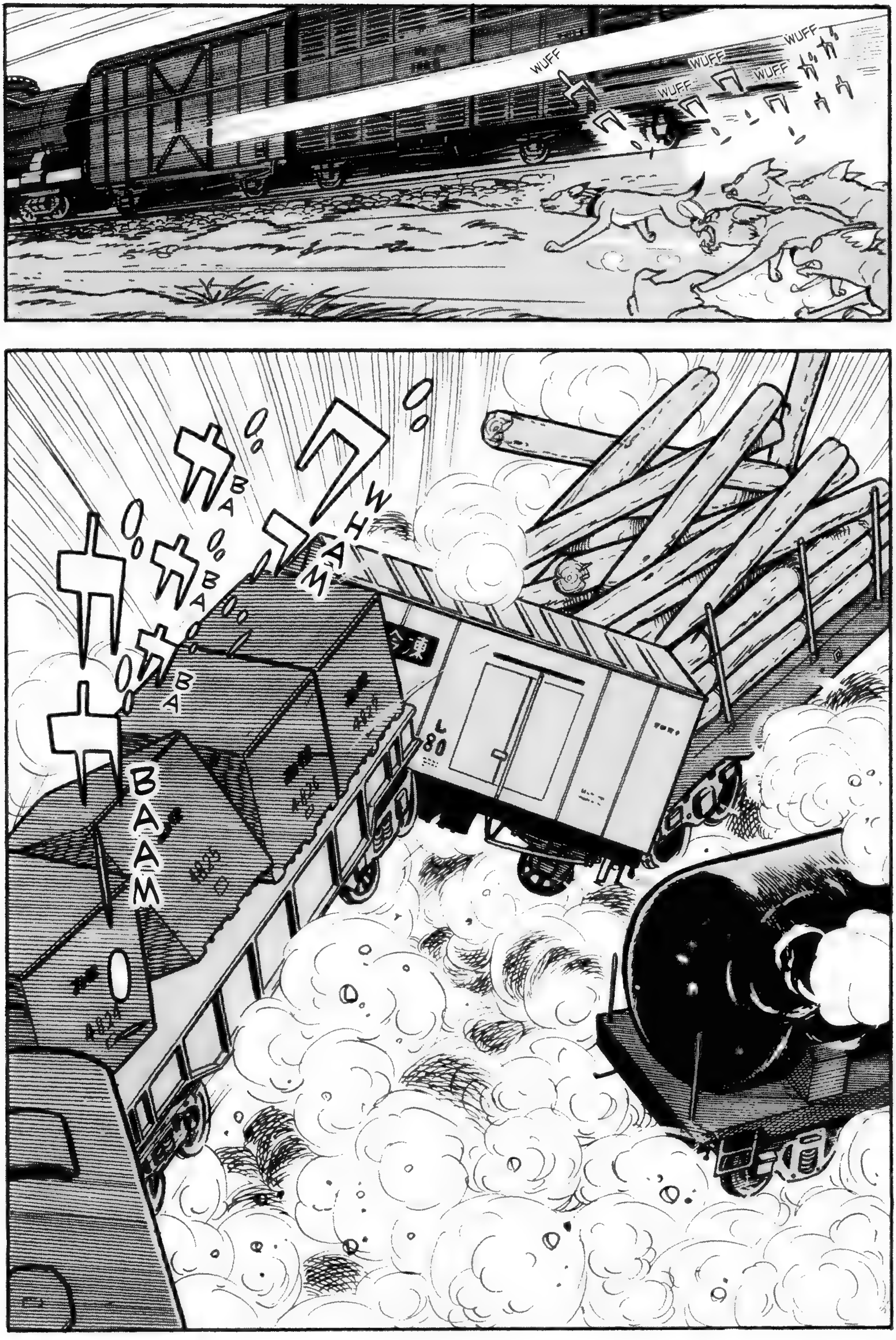

野犬の群肉屋を襲う
店員三名焼け死ぬ
Headline:
Pack of Stray Dogs
Attack Butcher Shop
Three Store Workers
Burnt to Death


Headline:
Another Incident of
Spontaneous Combustion
Attack at the Dog Pound
Two Catchers Die
また火だるま事件
野犬収容所襲わる
看守二名焼死

Headline:
Driver Spontaneously
Combusts Freight Train
Capsizes Cargo of
50 Pigs Attacked.


群
運転手火だるま
貨物列車を転覆さす
運送中の豚五十頭襲わる
ポ〜
CHUU
C621
OINK
OINK
OINK
OINK
ポ〜
CHUU


ビュウ
FWOO
ビュウ
FWOO
FWSH
AAAAH!
WHAT THE...?!
GYAA!
WAAAH!
GRROWL!


WUFF
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WHAM
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BAAM
冷凍
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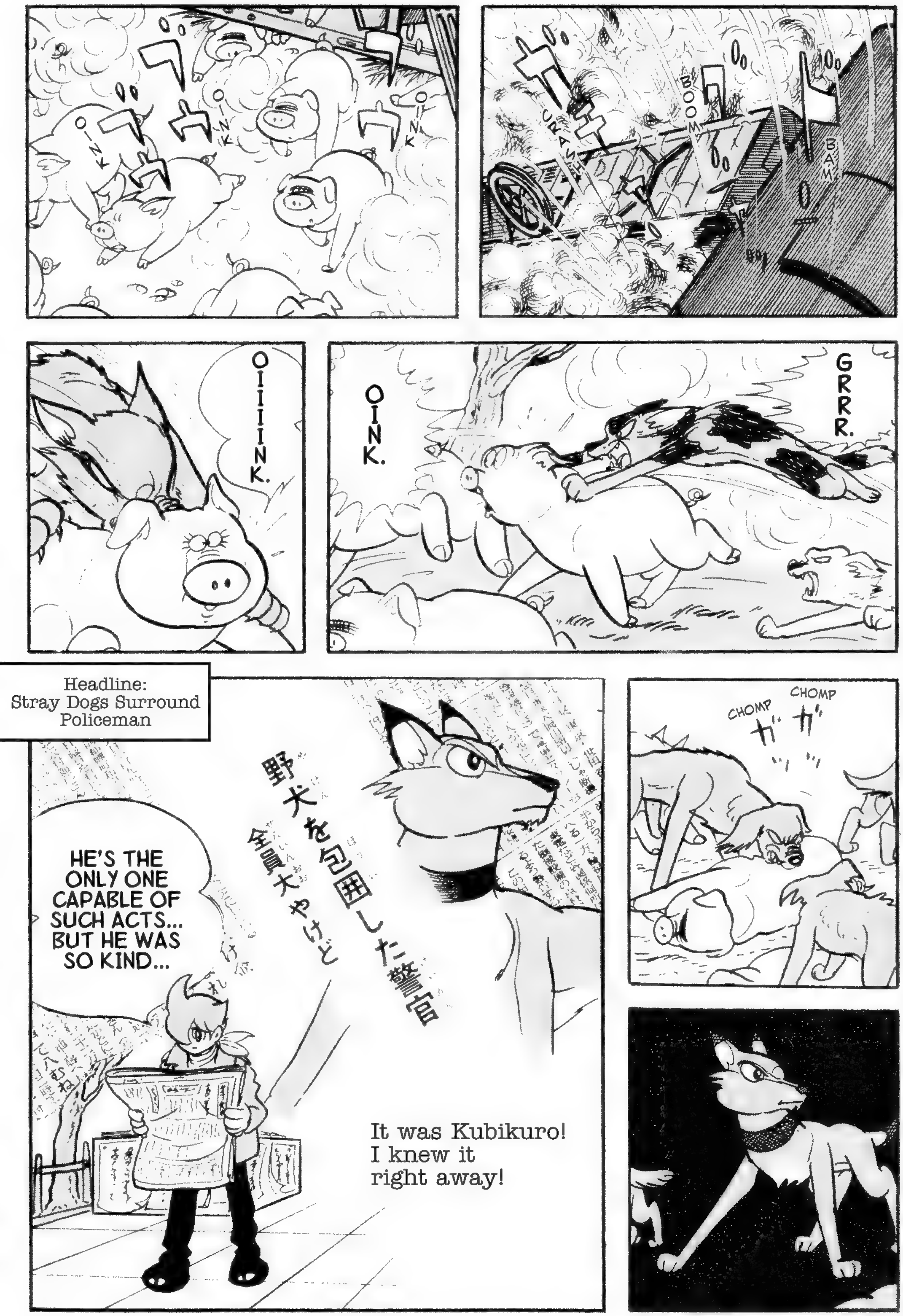
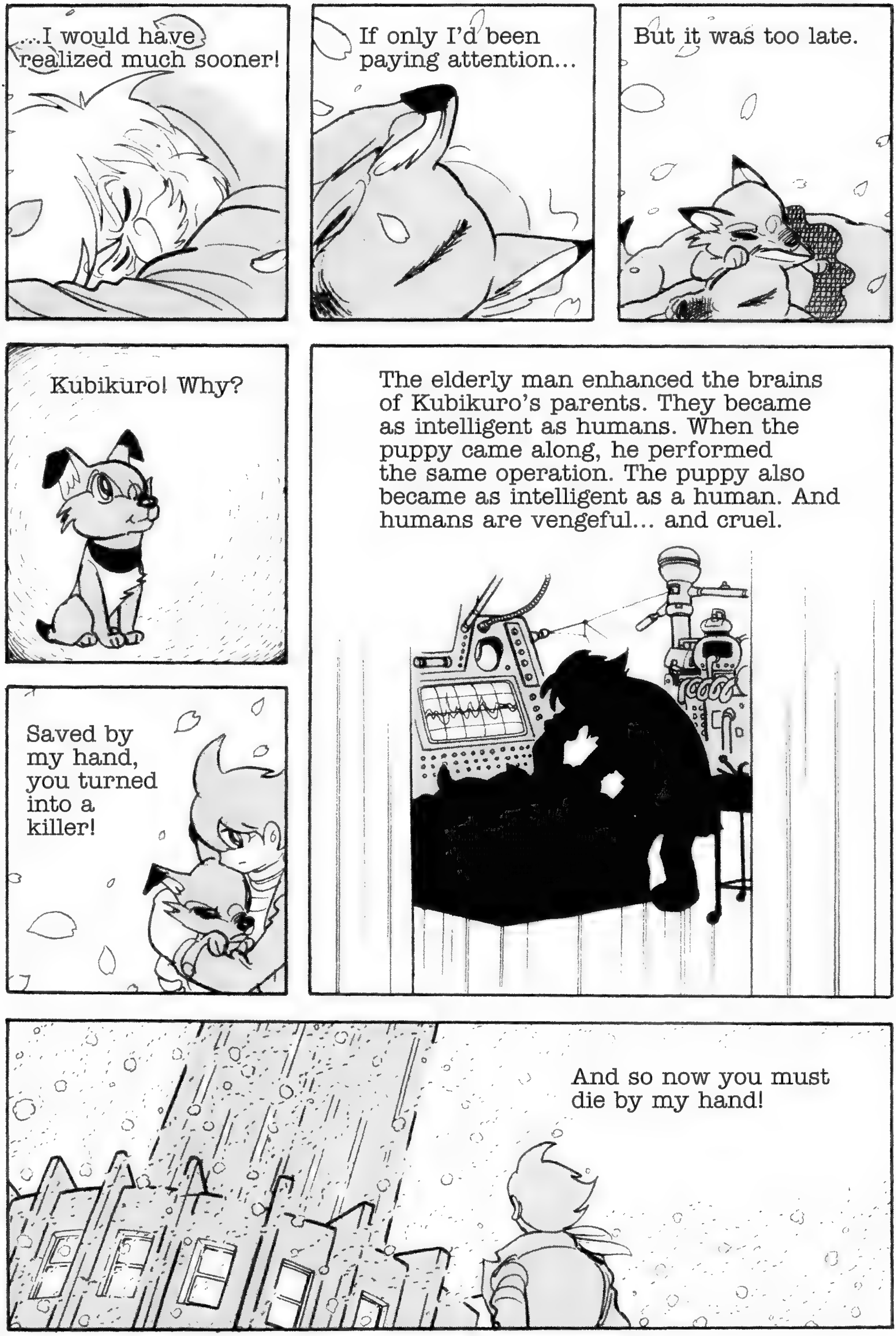
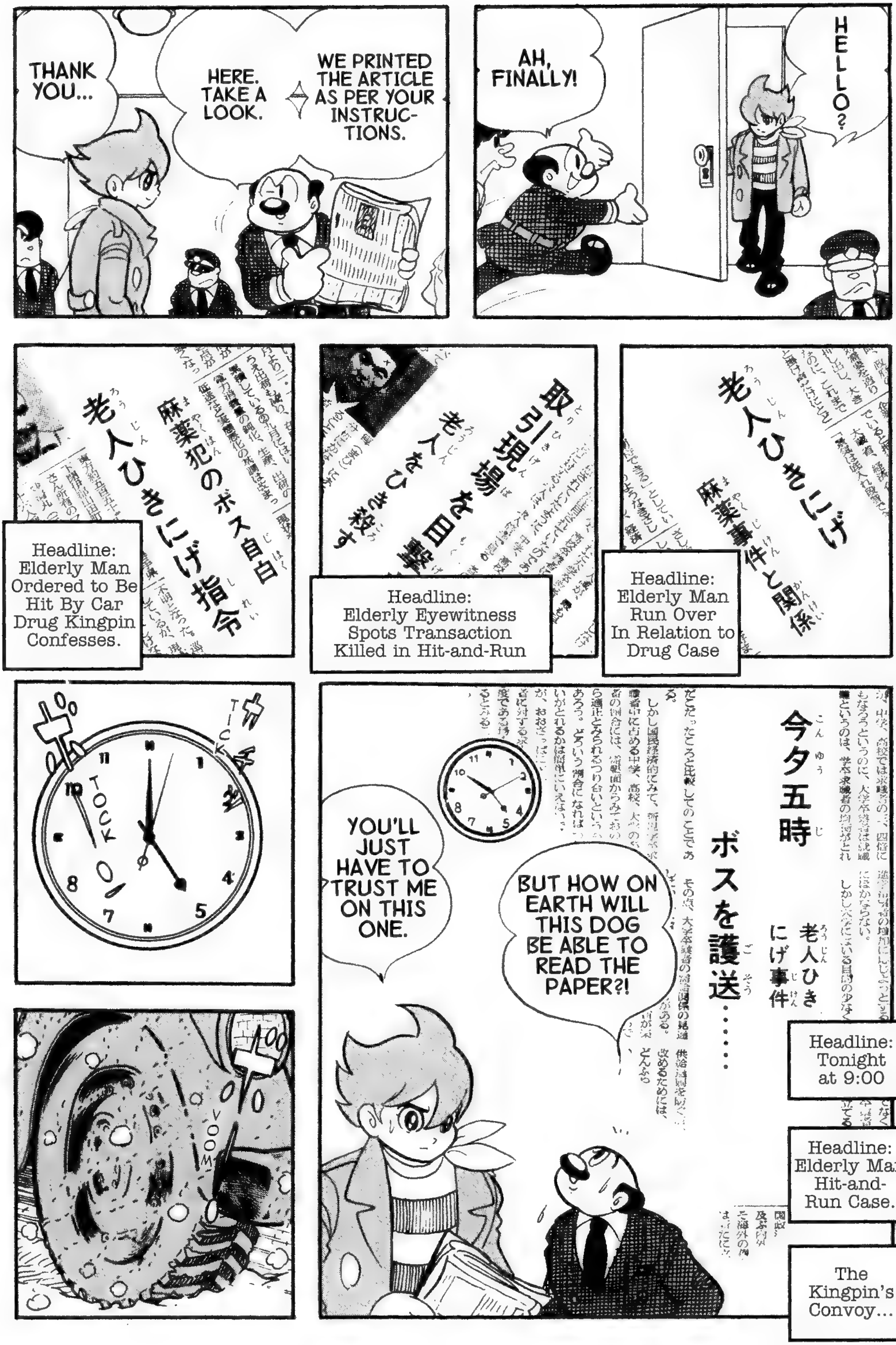
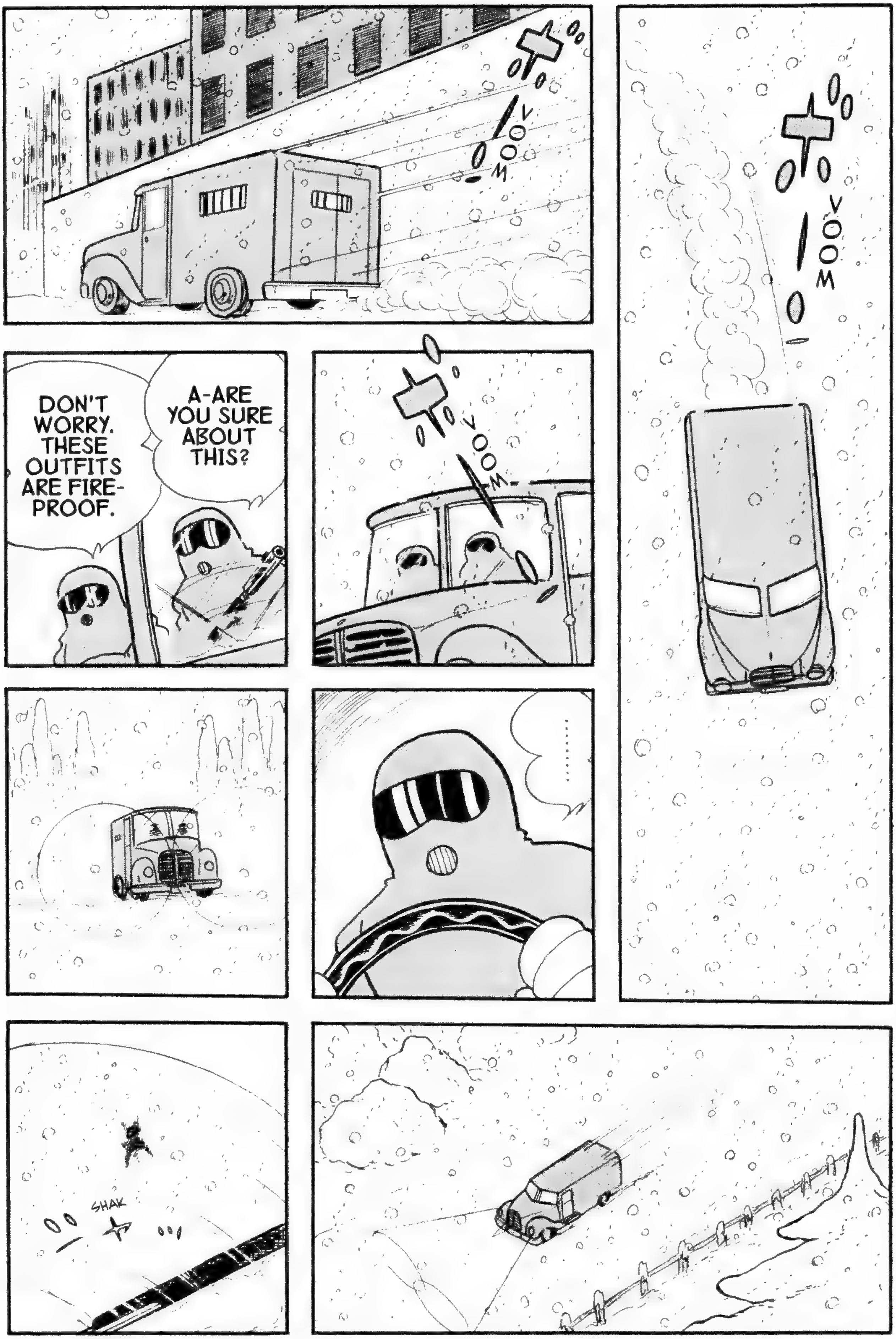
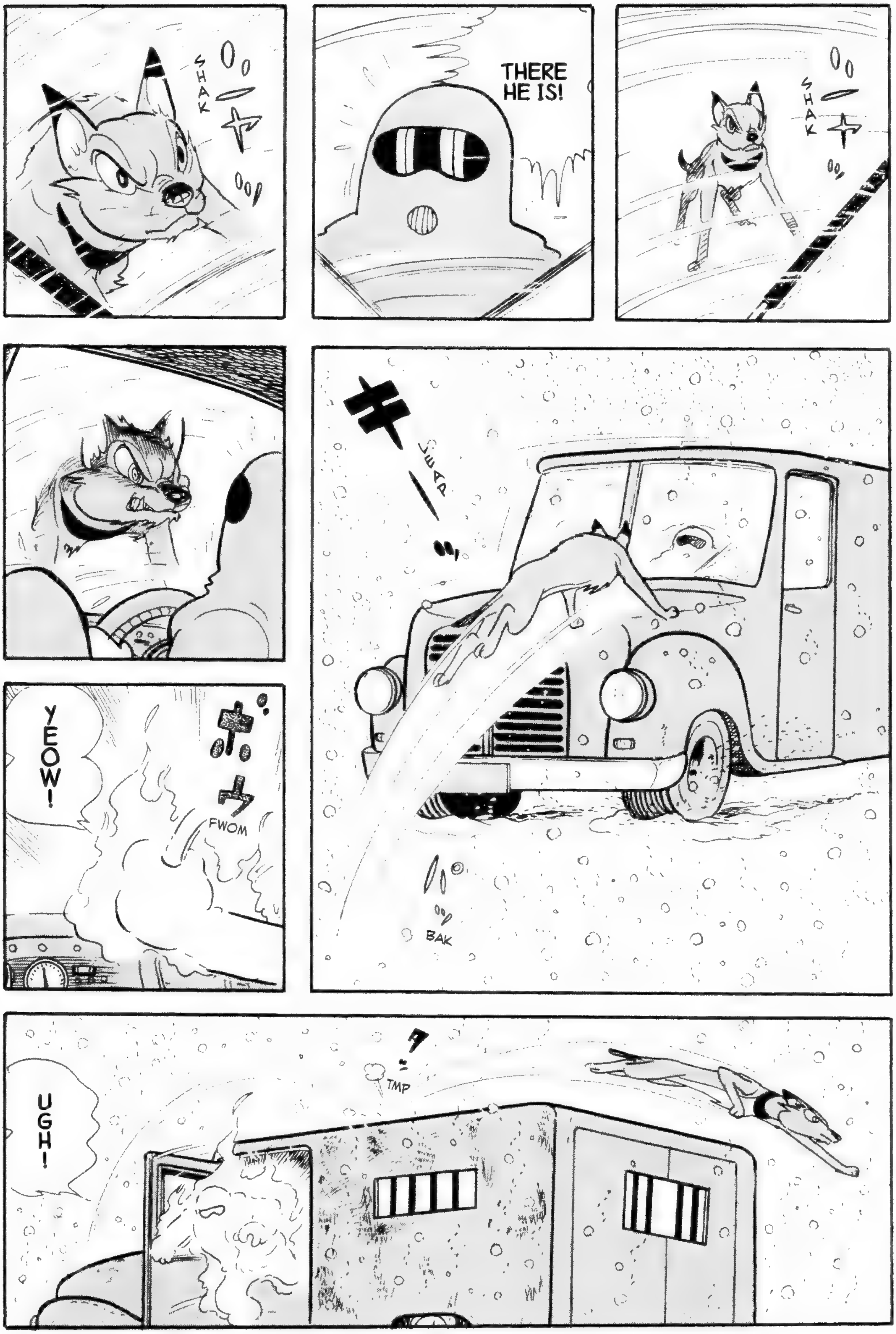
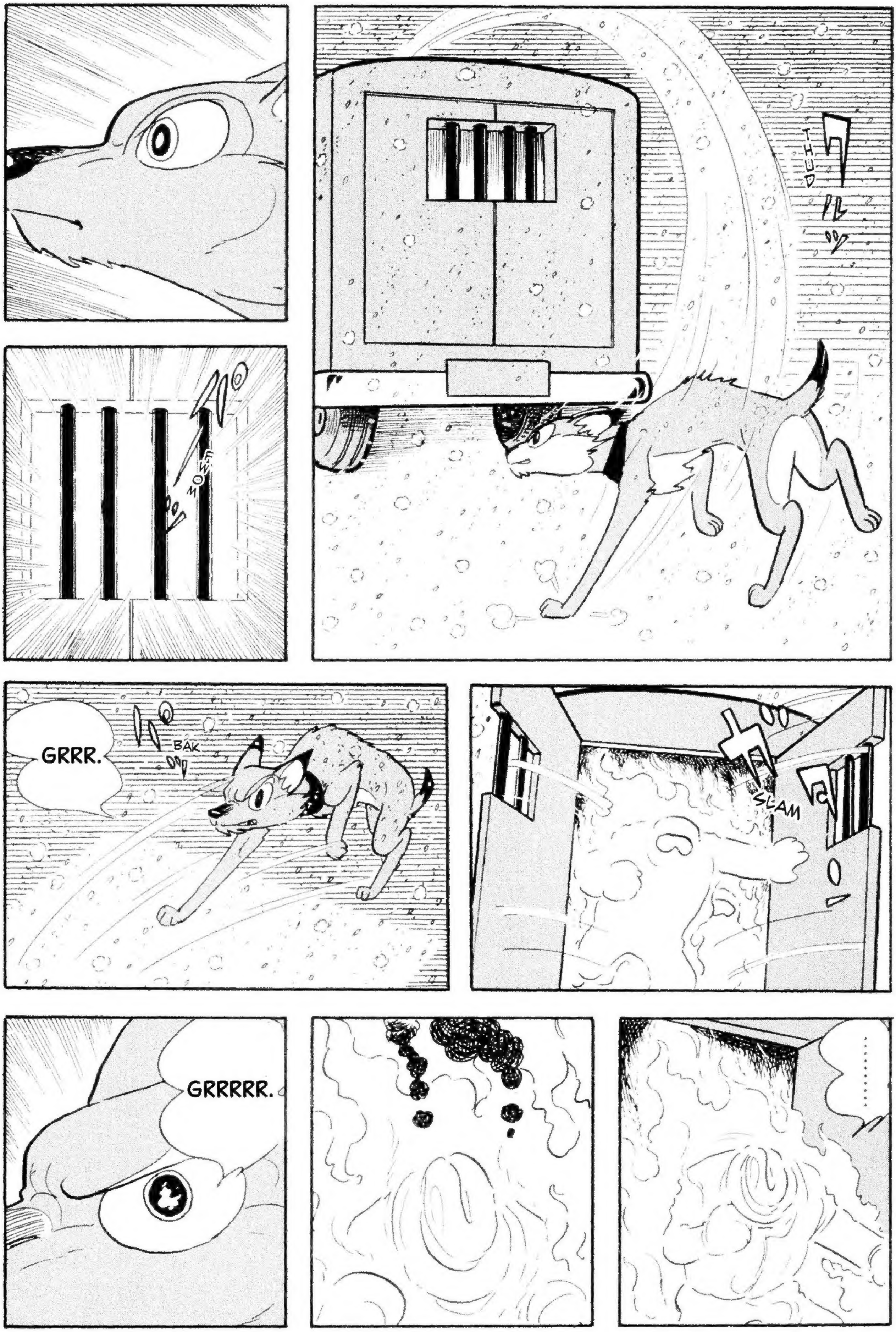

OINK
OINK
OINK
CRASH
BOOM
BAM
OIIIIINK.
OINK.
GRRR.
Headline: Stray Dogs Surround Policeman
野犬を包囲した警官
全員大やけど
HE'S THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF SUCH ACTS... BUT HE WAS SO KIND...
It was Kubikuro! I knew it right away!
CHOMP ガ
CHOMP ガ


...I would have realized much sooner!
If only I'd been paying attention...
But it was too late.
Kubikuro! Why?
Saved by my hand, you turned into a killer!
The elderly man enhanced the brains of Kubikuro's parents. They became as intelligent as humans. When the puppy came along, he performed the same operation. The puppy also became as intelligent as a human. And humans are vengeful... and cruel.
And so now you must die by my hand!


HELLO?
AH, FINALLY!
WE PRINTED THE ARTICLE AS PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.
HERE. TAKE A LOOK.
THANK YOU...
老人ひきにげ
麻薬事件と関係
Headline: Elderly Man Run Over In Relation to Drug Case
取引現場を目撃
老人をひき殺す
Headline: Elderly Eyewitness Spots Transaction Killed in Hit-and-Run
麻薬犯のボス自白
老人ひきにげ指令
Headline: Elderly Man Ordered to Be Hit By Car Drug Kingpin Confesses.
今夕五時
Headline: Tonight at 9:00
老人ひき
にげ事件
Headline: Elderly Man Hit-and-Run Case.
ボスを護送……
The Kingpin's Convoy...
BUT HOW ON EARTH WILL THIS DOG BE ABLE TO READ THE PAPER?!
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS ONE.
TICK
TOCK
VOOM


VOOM
VOOM
A-ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
DON'T WORRY. THESE OUTFITS ARE FIRE-PROOF.
VOOM
......
SHAK


SHAK
THERE HE IS!
SHAK
LEAP
BAK
YEOW!
FWOM
TMP
UGH!


WHAM
THUD
BAK
GRRR.
SLAM
GRRRRR.
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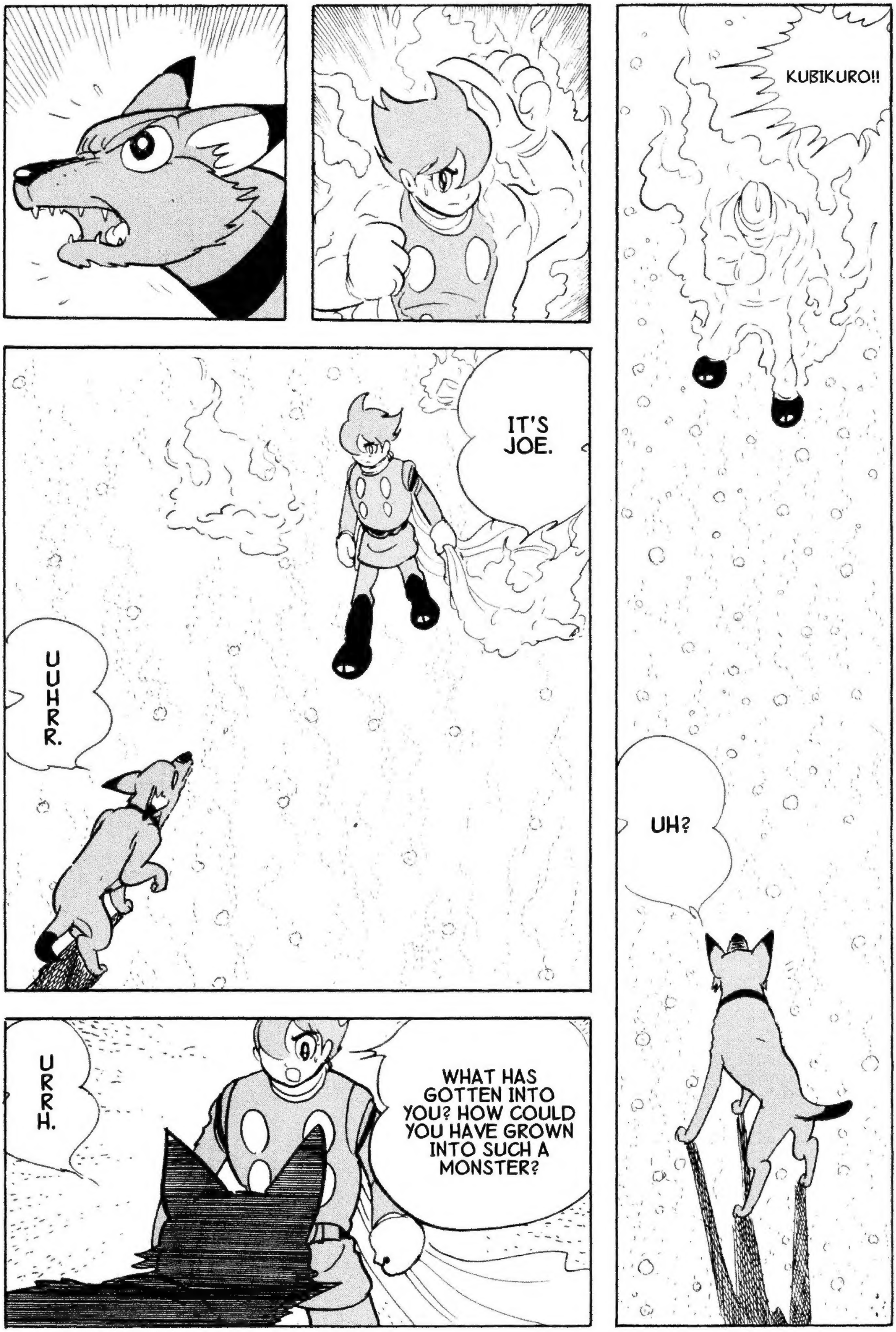
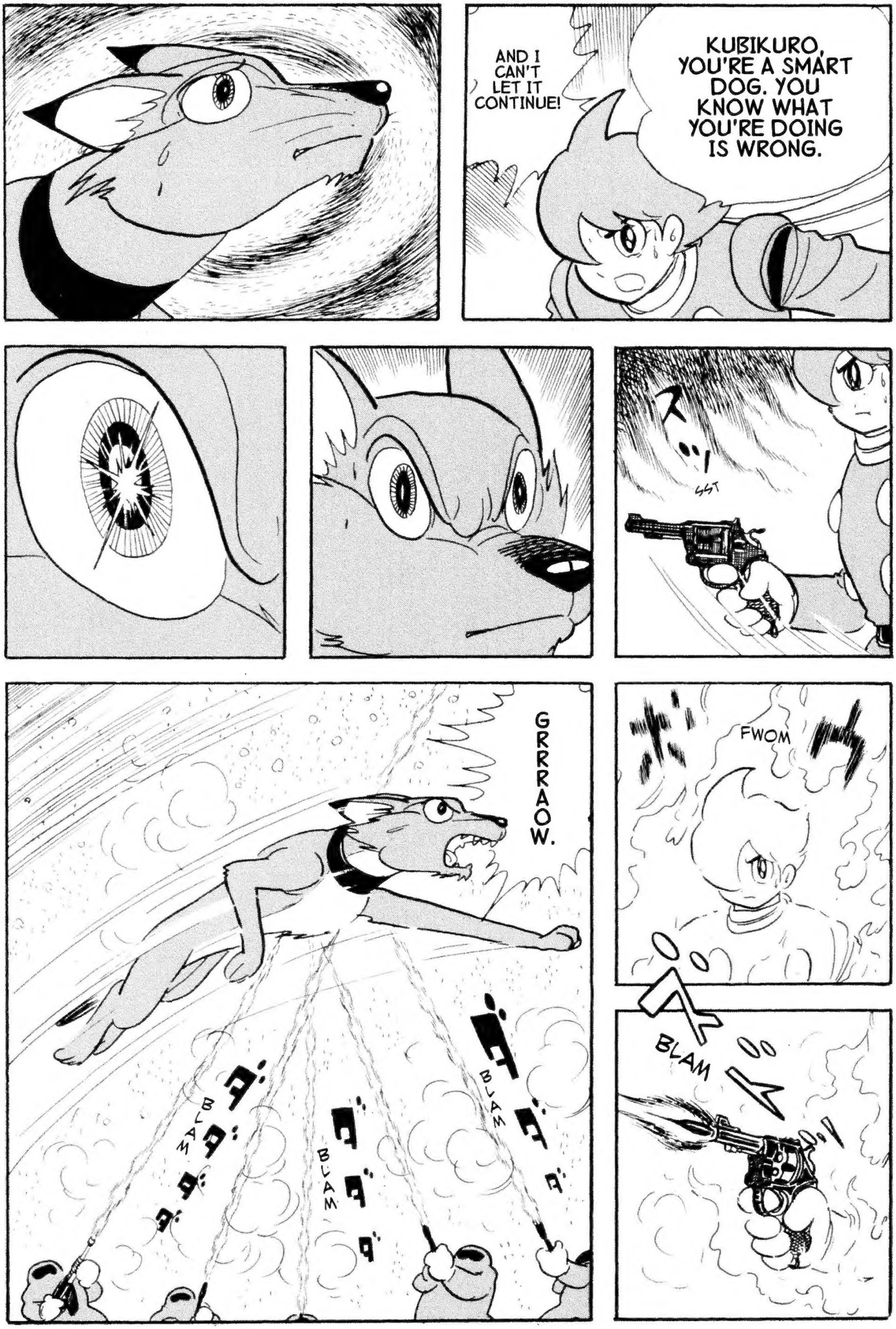
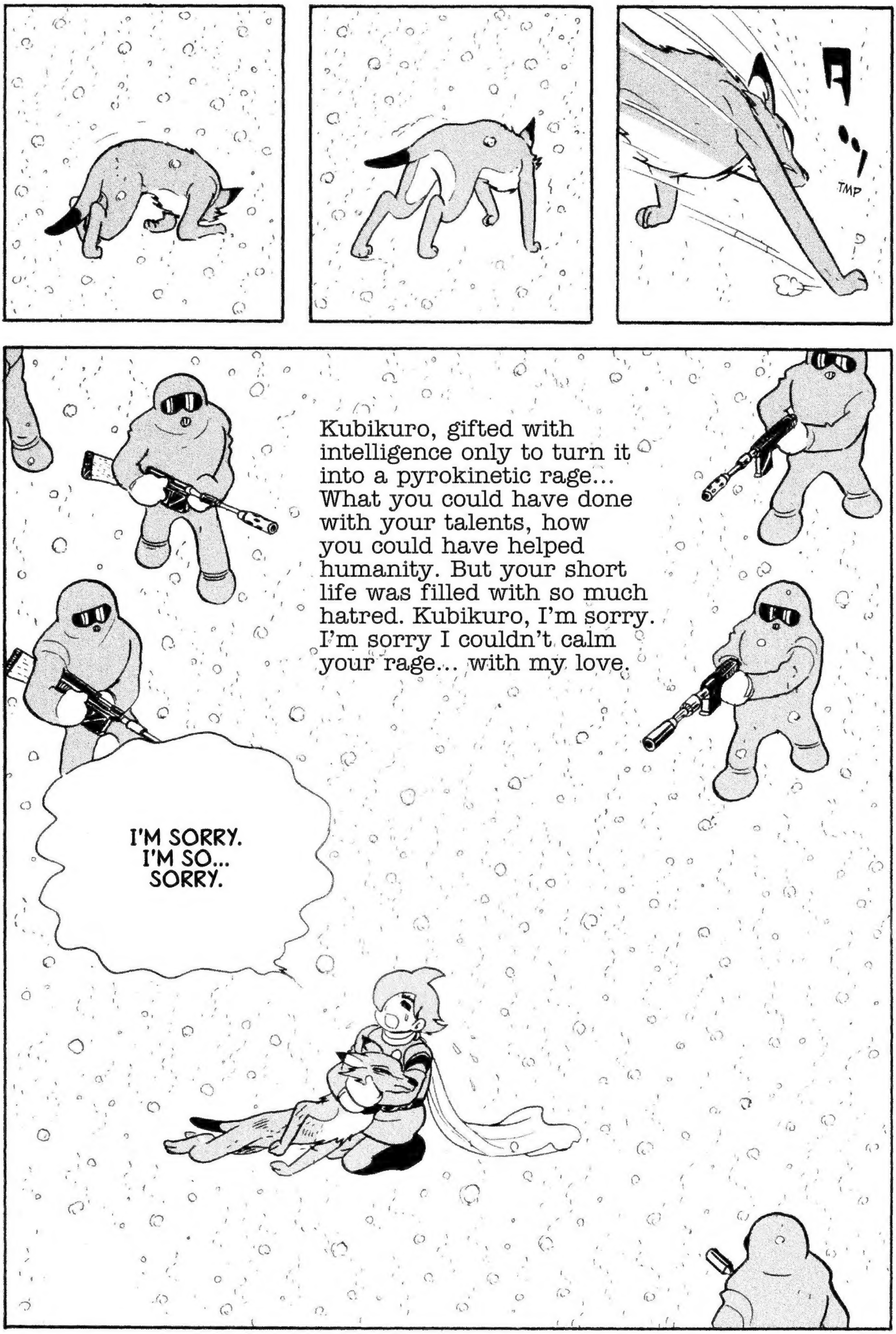

KUBIKURO!!
UH?
IT'S JOE.
UUHRR.
WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU? HOW COULD YOU HAVE GROWN INTO SUCH A MONSTER?
URRH.


KUBIKURO, YOU'RE A SMART DOG. YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS WRONG.
AND I CAN'T LET IT CONTINUE!
SST
FWOM
BLAM
GRRRAOW.
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM


TMP
Kubikuro, gifted with intelligence only to turn it into a pyrokinetic rage... What you could have done with your talents, how you could have helped humanity. But your short life was filled with so much hatred. Kubikuro, I'm sorry. I'm sorry I couldn't calm your rage... with my love.
I'M SORRY. I'M SO... SORRY.

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